

THE VOICE

OF CLARKE COLLEGE

NEWTON, MISSISSIPPI

SUMMER, 1977

Comperes Honored



Sunday, June 26, was proclaimed W. L. Compere Day by the Mayor of Newton, and the College family joined Trustees, alumni, and friends in honoring Dr. and Mrs. Compere for their many years of service to the

college. The afternoon reception was hosted by the Board of Trustees, and Board President Dr. James Booth of Eupora and Mrs. Booth, along with Clarke Business Manager Herbert Valentine and Mrs. Valentine, joined the Comperes in the receiving line as they greeted the many who came during the reception hours.

The college cafeteria was the setting for the reception and was beautifully decorated with floral tributes from friends and organizations. Mrs. Compere's pink orchid corsage, as well as Dr. Compere's red rose boutonniere, was given by her longtime Sunday School class at First Baptist Church, Newton. The Comperes were honored at First Baptist Church Sunday morning and a resolution of appreciation was presented to them from the council of deacons.

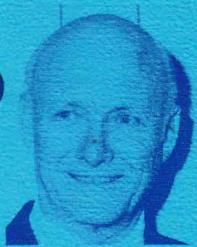
During the reception, Dr. Booth read a resolution of appreciation from the Trustees and presented a generous check on behalf of present and former Trustees. Mr. Valentine presented a barbeque grill and lighter to the Comperes from the college faculty and staff. Many letters of appreciation have come to the Comperes and some of these were displayed during the reception.

Dr. Compere has been elected President Emeritus of Clarke and President-elect Dr. S. L. Harris has requested Dr. Compere to continue as a consultant in a part-time capacity to assist the new president in his orientation to Mississippi and in promoting some development plans now underway.



**Friends
and
Alumni
Reminisce
and Share Words
of
Appreciation**





Dr. W. L. Compere

The President Speaks

This is the last time I will write *THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS!* On July 18 Clarke College will have a new President, Dr. S. L. Harris, and I will become President-emeritus by the gracious designation of the Board of Trustees. My head is in a whirl as I face the issue of what to say in this last column. So many things in my mind are struggling for expression and I can select only a few.

OVERWHELMED

One definition of overwhelm is "to cover over completely as by a great wave." This describes the emotions Mrs. Compere and I feel these days following the magnificent reception on Sunday, June 26. We have been so deeply moved by the elaborate plans conceived by the Trustees and organized and carried out by the college personnel; by the response of so many friends who greeted us at the reception and many others who communicated by mail or telephone; by resolutions passed by the Trustees and those adopted by the Council of Deacons of the First Baptist Church, Newton; by the proclamation passed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton recognizing this occasion; by communications from several churches I have served as interim pastor and by the generous check presented Sunday, representing gifts from present and former Trustees and friends. Yes, we have been "covered over completely as by a great wave" of emotion. Such gracious things have been done for us that we are left speechless, but with a sense of deep gratitude.

OVERFLOWING

"My heart is overflowing with a beautiful thought. I will write a lovely poem to the King."

This translation of Psalm 45:1 expresses my feeling as I look back over twenty-two and a half years of service at Clarke College. There are so many beautiful thoughts that flow through my mind that I wish I were a poet and could put them into a lovely poem.

Multitudes of people have had a vital part in whatever achievement has been made in these two decades. All across the years we have had a great BOARD OF TRUSTEES, with vision, understanding and Christian commitment, giving freely of their time, wisdom, energy and financial support to set the general course of the college and to build up its resources. We have had an interested DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, a group selected by the Trustees and working with them in promoting the entire enterprise. THE STAFF AND FACULTY have been composed of splendid Christian people competent in their areas of work, faithful in their responsibilities, interested in students and dedicated to the purposes of the college. A steady stream of CHOICE CHRISTIAN STUDENTS has come our way for their first two years of college. We have watched them go on through further preparation into lives of outstanding service, many of them following the call of God into vocational Christian work across America and around the world. ALUMNI have shown their interest by helping to enlist students and support. FRIENDS AND CONTRIBUTORS by the hundreds have learned of the distinctive work done here and have chosen to participate in offering our fine students an opportunity to prepare for lives of effective service. The special contributions from individuals, churches, businesses and foundations have provided ten to fifteen percent of our operating funds. Hundreds of thousands more have given their tithes and offerings through their churches and the Cooperative Program to provide the life blood for our work. All these groups have worked with us at Clarke College as "partners in the privilege." My heart is overflowing with gratitude for this partnership.

OVERVIEW

Now come with me to a point far above the rapidly passing years and take a wide overview of the past, present and future of Clarke. From this point the theme of the Golden Anniversary year in 1958 stands out in bold relief:

Through the Years — A Golden Purpose

We are reminded anew that through the years there has been a Divine purpose in Clarke College and many of us have been privileged

to have some part in carrying out that purpose.

The dominant factor in my coming as President of Clarke in 1955 was the clear indication that this was a part of that Divine purpose. After more than two decades I am more convinced than ever of this fact. Now there is abundant evidence that Dr. S. L. Harris, the new President, is also a part of this same great purpose. This is the leading both he and the Trustees have sensed.

So in this overview I feel good about the future of the College under the leadership of Dr. Harris. His wide experience as an educator, his sound philosophy of Christian education and his dedication to this Divine purpose will soon be recognized by the entire constituency. I am convinced that Clarke will enter a new period of unprecedented progress as all who believe in its purpose join hands with its new President to increase its resources and enable it to meet the challenge of this new day.



Dr. S. L. Harris

Harris New President

The Board of Trustees of Clarke College elected S. L. Harris of Ft. Worth, Texas, as the new president to succeed Dr. Compere. Dr. Harris has been on the campus at two different occasions, meeting the Trustees, faculty, and students.

Dr. Harris comes to his new position from the Tarrant County Junior College, Northeast Campus, Ft. Worth, where he has served for nine years as counselor and associate professor of sociology.

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Clarke College Class of 1927

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Bob Lambright, sponsor; Elton Barlow; Edna Pearl Daves Yarbrough; Ethel Overby Huff; Amy McDaniel Suddith; Mrs. R. B. Moulder; Lorene May Palmer; Mertis Palmer Hawkins; Estell Walker Harris; Onedia McDill Herrington; Mrs. Ike S. Bass; Ike S. Bass; Wheeler Cathey.

Back row, left to right: Neal Putnam; Herman Keene; O. B. Dukes; Arthur Lorange; Pellam Mills; R. B. Moulder; W. C. Palmer; W. T. McMullan; Robert W. Bateman; Oury Buckley; W. H. Herrington.

Golden Anniversary, Clarke Class of '27

The Golden Anniversary of the Clarke College class of 1927 was held recently on the campus with twenty three members of the class present to renew old friendships and recall sweet memories of days gone by. Many of those who could not attend

wrote to express their greetings and to bring the assembled class up to date on their activities.

The program, which had been spearheaded by Wheeler Cathey and Elton Barlow, both of Jackson, began with a time of fellowship and conver-

sation. A time of inspiration, greeting, and welcome by Dr. W. L. Compere and Alumni Director Allen B. Parnell was followed by a break for picture taking and class business matters. An introduction of members with biographical information was followed by the Clarke College history and a memorial service for the twenty-five class members who have died.

It was interesting to note that over half of those present had gone on to

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Members of the Board present for a recent meeting were as follows:

Front row, left to right: Dr. Herman A. Milner, Jackson; Mrs. Frank L. Fair, Sr., Louisville; Dr. W. L. Compere.

Center Row, left to right: Rev. James E. Smith, Houston; Mr. Ruben Cleveland, Lexington; Mr. Earl Cockrell, Tupelo.

Back row, left to right: Dr. James Booth, Eupora; Mr. W. H. Gallaspy, Greenwood; Dr. M. L. Flynt, Jr., Meridian; Rev. John C. Brock, Gautier.

Trustees not pictured are Mr. Jack Brand, Newton; Mr. Rex H. Braswell, Hattiesburg; Mr. Reuben Lott, Laurel; Mrs. A. J. McIlwain, Jackson; Mr. Leonard B. Melvin, Laurel; Rev. Hugh Poole, Macon.

TRUSTEES MEET

Clarke Trustees are an important group to the ongoing program at Clarke. Their regular meetings with the President and members of the administration for reporting and planning are of valuable assistance to the continued support and future growth of the school. Members of the Board of Trustees, some of them alumni, give generously of their time and effort in promoting the welfare of the college and they are to be commended for their valuable service. Officers of the 1977 Board are Dr. James E. Booth (47) of Eupora, President; Dr. M. L. Flynt, Jr. of Meridian, Vice-President; Mrs. Frank L. Fair, Sr. of Louisville, Secretary.

Johnson Joins Clarke Faculty

Dr. A. C. Johnson of Meridian has been appointed instructor of history and government at Clarke College, succeeding James L. Spencer, who recently resigned to accept a call as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Sherman, Mississippi. Dr. Johnson is a native of Newton County. He and his wife Bertie make their home in Meridian.

Dr. Johnson has had long service in educational life, having served as an elementary and secondary school principal, a professor and administrator at the university level, and more recently as an instructor at Meridian Junior College. His academic background includes a B.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi, the M.A. from the University of Mississippi, and the LLB and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Johnson is an active Baptist layman who frequently serves as a pulpit speaker. He is a member of State Boulevard Baptist Church in Meridian where he is a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He has served as Moderator of the Lauderdale Baptist Association and is currently Director of the Lauderdale County Baptist Brotherhood.

In accepting the appointment to Clarke College, Dr. Johnson said, "Teaching history and government to the youth in Clarke College will be exciting and challenging and I am keenly anticipating the experience this fall."

CLASS OF 1927 . . .

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be active in the field of education, with others in the ministry and business. The class member coming the greatest distance was Neal Putnam of Clarketon, North Carolina. Following lunch in the college cafeteria, an open discussion was held, which consisted of sharing news and items of interest to the class.

Special guests for the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lambright of Jackson; Mrs. Lambright was sponsor of the class of 1927. Dr. and Mrs. M. C. McDaniel added much to the day; Dr. McDaniel was on the college faculty in 1927, and served as Vice President of Clarke.



Clarke Alumni Serve Around The World

Alumni of Clarke College are serving in many places — both in the States and around the world. At present, thirty-four Clarke alumni are in service with the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, in twenty-one different countries.

To keep these alumni in mind and to challenge current students, world missions maps with alumni designated by country have been placed in the Prayer Rooms of both the Women's and Men's Dormitories. The Prayer Rooms have been a continuing concern of Mrs. W. L. Compere, wife of Clarke's President, who has led out in providing an attractive and inspiring room in each dormitory for use as a Prayer Room.

The Prayer Room in the Women's

Dorm has been in use for a number of years and received a "face lift" with the addition of neebie reed furniture brought from Guyana, South America, and given to the Prayer Room by Clarke alumni John and Jean Jacobs who served as missionaries there. The Prayer Room in the Men's Dorm was furnished last year by Clarke Trustee Mrs. A. J. McIlwain of Jackson as a memorial to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Kinsey.

Photo shows Mrs. W. L. Compere (right) with Roger Carroll (left), Prattville, Ala., and Jenni DeSilva, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Devotional Chairmen of the Men's and Women's Dorms, as they discuss the uses of the map.

ALUMNEWS . . .

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Class of '53

RALPH SCOTT is enrolled in graduate school at West Georgia College, Carrollton, GA. He is pastor of Centralhatchee Baptist Church, Franklin, GA.

Class of '55

WADE ALLEN has resigned as pastor of Indian Springs Baptist Church, Laurel, MS to become Director of Missions in Pontotoc County. His new address is 324 Holmes Road, Pontotoc, MS 38863.

Class of '63

JAMES SPENCER recently resigned as History instructor at Clarke and as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Enterprise, MS to accept the pastorate of Sherman Baptist Church, Sherman, MS. The Spencers' new address is Box 188, Sherman, MS 38869.

Class of '64

Dr. and MRS. CARL KUBY (PAT WILLIAMS) and daughter Kathryn have recently moved to Huntsville, AL where Carl is the Minister of Education at First Baptist Church. Their address is 11309 Chicamauga Tr. SE, Huntsville, AL 35803.

Class of '65

The new arrival at the home of Danny and CLAUDIA (HINES) HOOD has been named Timothy Clark Hood. He was born on June 17, 1977.

Robert and MARY MARGARET (SULLIVAN) SMITH are proud parents of two sons — Rob, 3 years old, and Jonathan, born on July 10, 1976.

Class of '68

MARTHA WITT and James Evans are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Christopher James on February 16, 1977.

Class of '69

ANN BOUTWELL was married to Kent Palmer on May 21, 1977 in Newton. She and her husband now reside in Lucas, Kansas. Ann served Clarke well for 5 years as Librarian.

THOM and LINDA McINNIS are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter Sara Leigh. She was born on May 26, 1977.

Class of '71 and '72

The FORDS, DOW and GRETA (BENEFIELD) ('72) are the proud parents of another baby daughter, Robin Marie, born on March 14, 1977. Her sister Dawn is very excited about this new arrival. The Fords will be leaving Clarke College in August going to Hannibal, Missouri, where Dow will serve as Registrar and part-time English teacher at Hannibal-LaGrange College. Dow has served Clarke as English instructor for the past 3 years.

The MIKE DAVISES (JAN MILBY) ('71) have a new addition. Their son John Michael, Jr. was born on March 6, and they also have a daughter Christie, 3.

Mike graduated from New Orleans Baptist Seminary in December and is now Associate Pastor and Youth Director at Sixth Street Baptist Church in Alexandria City, Alabama. Their address is Route 5, Alexandria City, AL 35010.

Class of '72

DAVID HOLT has accepted the pastorate of Pulaski Church, Scott County. He and his family live in the parsonage.

Class of '73

RALPH HALL has become Associate Pastor and Minister of Education at White Oak Church, Smith County. He and his wife, the former BONNIE JOHNSON, have a daughter, Melodye, who was born on January 16, 1977.

MR. and MRS. JIMMY HARWELL (BETTY) are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Alicia Gail. She was born on January 12, 1977.

RICHARD and JULIE KNEER are the proud parents of a new baby daughter, Deborah Jo, born on March 11, 1977. The Kneers' address is 7085 Dwight Way, San Bernardino, CA 92404.

Class of '74

The DENNISES, GARY and DARBY (MOORE) are pleased to announce the arrival of a son, born March 31, 1977. He is named Nathan Jahath. Gary is pastor of a church in Alabama. Their address is Route 1, Box 324, Lafayette, AL 36862.

BILLY and MELITA DUNCAN (SHOEMAKER) have a beautiful, red-headed daughter.

MR. and MRS. JIMMY BLANTON live in Phenix City, Alabama, where Jimmy is a pastor.

FAWZY SHORROSH was married to DeNita Martin in Petal, Mississippi, on May 14, 1977.

DONNA WAINWRIGHT, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald E. Wainwright ('52), was married to BILLY STOUT on December 28, 1976 at the First Baptist Church of Eldon, Missouri. They are making their home in Lebanon, MO.

Class of '75

VICKI LEBNER (GRIFFITH) and her husband Glen reside in Yazoo City. They are the parents of one daughter, Valerie Lynn, who celebrated her first birthday on March 25.

JOANNE MYRICK was chosen Miss William Carey College by her classmates for 1976-1977.

ALBERT and JEANETTE WILKERSON recently received their degrees from Blue Mountain College. Albert is pastor of First Baptist Church, Southaven, MS.

Class of '76

SHERRY LYNN SANDIFER and CHARLES ANTHONY JONES were united in marriage on January 22, 1977, in North Columbia Baptist Church. They are making their home in Columbia.

MURPHY DALE YOUNG and Jan Winn were married on May 28, 1977, in Laurel, MS. Murphey is attending William Carey College.

TOMMY TITUS is Associate Pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Jackson. He attends Mississippi College.

DAVID OWEN BRISCOE was chosen to participate in the President's Honors Scholarship Program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and a commitment to the ministry. David attends William Carey.

Class of '77

CAROL ALLEN became the bride of Barry Gates on May 21, 1977 at Indian Springs Baptist Church in Laurel. They reside in Moss, MS, where Barry is the Pastor of Union Seminary Baptist Church.

WANDA HALL and PHIL SPIGNER are engaged to be married on July 30 in Mathiston, Mississippi.

RICKY HOWTHORNE and PAM MIDDLTON were united in marriage on June 4, 1977 in Vicksburg. They will be attending the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall.



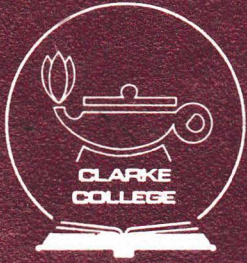
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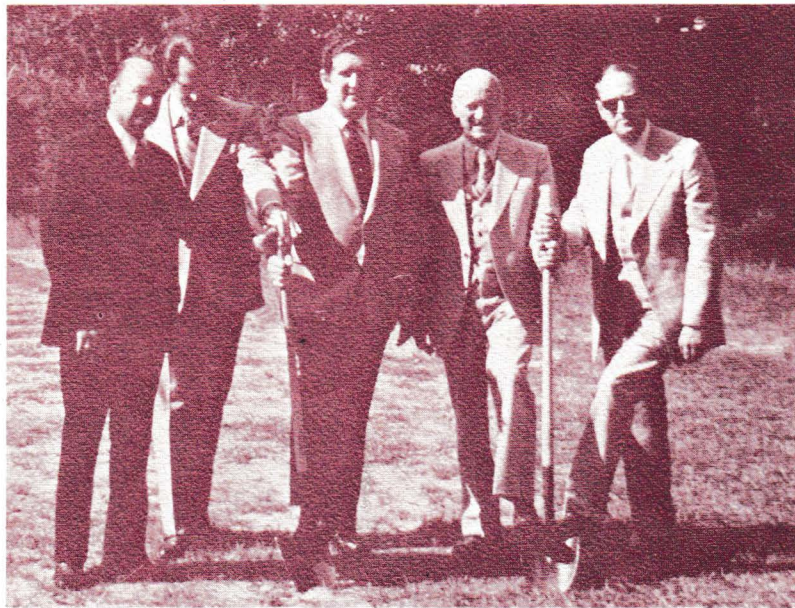


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WINTER, 1978



Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony were: (from left to right) Dr. H. A. Milner, Jackson; Rev. John Brock, Gautier; Rev. Hugh Poole, Macon; President Emeritus W. L. Compere; Clarke President S. L. Harris.

Groundbreaking For President's Home

A decision to begin construction on a new home for the President of Clarke College was finalized at the Fall meeting of the Board of Trustees. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the conclusion of the meeting and was attended by the Trustees and members of the Development Council who were meeting on the same day. Funds for the new home, to be built at the corner of Highway 80 and the west entrance to the campus, have been assured by individual donors; these donors are Mrs. Virginia Fair of Louisville, Mrs. A. F. Bell of Jayess, and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Sanderson of Laurel.

You Are Cordially Invited
To Attend The
Formal Inauguration
of
Dr. S. L. Harris
As President of Clarke College
and
Homecoming Activities
April 1, 1978
Inauguration — 2:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Newton, Miss.



Dr. S. L. Harris
Across The President's Desk

Looking For An Angel

Some who will read this column will remember a popular song of several years ago which had a line that said, "I'm looking for an angel." That line expresses my search right now. I, too, am looking for an angel.

Let me hasten to identify the kind of angel I'm looking for. In the world of theatre an angel is a sponsor, a financial backer of the production. He or she is one who is willing to invest sufficiently to "put the show on the road." I'm looking for an angel who will do that for Clarke College.

Clarke is not an untried, unproven, unknown entity. For seventy years she has faithfully provided Christian education for thousands of students. Her reputation as an institution that is theologically sound, that cares for each student as an individual, and that strives to educate the head and the heart in an environment that is characterized by academic integrity is well known. The angel I'm looking for will not be "buying a pig in a poke" The finished product of Clarke College is found in her alumni scattered over the face of the earth: on foreign and home mission fields (35 Clarke graduates are currently under appointment); pastors and pastor's wives serving throughout the Southern Baptist Convention; teachers at every level of education; leaders in government, industry, and business; men and women in every walk of life — parents and homemakers, responsible church members and Christian citizens. I'm looking for an angel who is willing to invest substantially to perpetuate this kind of product.

Clarke College is in great need of increasing its endowment at least five-fold. This means that we need a minimum of \$2,500,000. We need to

\$150,000 Annual Fund Drive Launched

The 1978 — \$150,000.00 Annual Fund Drive has been given a big thrust forward with \$44,341.48 given since our 1977-78 fiscal year began on August 1. Dr. Paul Wilson and the Annual Fund Committee set the following target dates and goals: February 15 — \$60,000.00; May 15 —

\$50,000.00; and July 15 — \$40,000.00.

You are encouraged to join the many alumni and friends of Clarke in supporting this challenging campaign by signing the pledge card below and mailing it along with your first contribution on or before February 15.

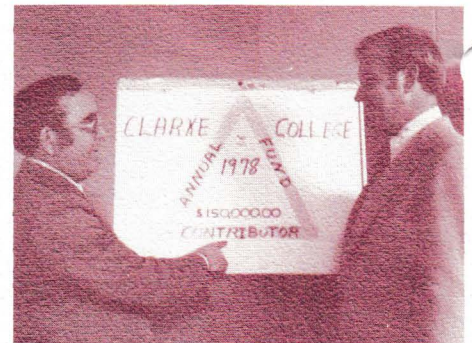
1978 — \$150,00.00 Annual Fund Drive

I,, am interested in Christian Education at Clarke and pledge to support the 1978 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE with a gift of

	February 15	May 15	July 15	July 31 (TOTAL)
300 gifts of \$45.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	13,500.00
300 gifts of \$90.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	27,000.00
250 gifts of \$180.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	45,000.00
60 gifts of \$450.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	27,000.00
20 gifts of \$600.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	12,000.00
14 gifts of \$900.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	12,000.00
9 gifts of \$1,500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	13,500.00
953 Contributors				150,000.00



Clarke College alumni officers for the new year are (left to right) President — Rev. Henry Adams, Newton; Secretary — Mrs. Evelyn C. Williams (Mrs. Bill), Hickory; Vice-President — Rev. Jimmy Walker, Ripley.



Dr. Paul Wilson (left), Chairman of the 1978 Annual Fund Drive, discusses with Allen Parnell, Director of Alumni Affairs the \$150,000.00 goal.

make capital (building) improvements now to improve the quality of life on the campus and provide greater effectiveness in our instruction. To be specific, we need between \$50,000-\$75,000 for a complete renovation of the men's residence hall; \$25,000-\$35,000 to upgrade the women's residence hall; \$125,000-\$150,000 to enlarge and improve the library; a new gymnasium, the cost of which can be minimally expected to be between \$250,000-\$300,000; a student center, the cost determined by the type of facility decided upon, but likely in the neighborhood of \$100,000. These are needs we have now. In the foreseeable future we

will need a larger auditorium, improved administrative quarters, and additional classrooms. Without taking into account these latter needs we could use a half to two-thirds of a million dollars for buildings today.

Somewhere, I believe, there is an angel. He or she can propel us forward by making a major gift toward our endowment (a very pressing need) and/or a building. Our angel may be one of my readers or may be known by one who reads this material. Our angel may be singular or plural, persons or corporations, foundations or trusts. But whatever the size or shape of our angel, I can only find him or her or it with your

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Commentary From Academia

by
**Dean Gary N.
Garner, Ph.D.**

In this second "Commentary" I am pleased to report that the Fall semester was most rewarding and offered strong confirmation of the quality of life, both academic and spiritual, that is to be found at Clarke. The faculty and students' response to a new administration was positively exhibited on every hand. The faculty was most cooperative in accepting and executing committee assignments, which are most essential to the progress anticipated. Four divisional chairpersons were appointed to make up an academic council which has the responsibility of discussing and recommending curriculum changes, budgeting needs, and general execution of the instructional program. I am deeply grateful for such a dedicated and qualified faculty leadership to guide the academic program at Clarke.

The Spring semester promises to be one of continued planning and progress for Clarke's immediate and distant future. A new two-year catalog will be published in the early spring, which will reflect reasonable expansion and change in curriculum and courses of study.

A Long-range Planning Committee is well on its way to providing a challenging and realistic picture of what Clarke College must do in order to continue to be competitive and viable as a Christian institution of higher learning.

We are already in an age when more and more young people are recognizing the added value of studying in a Christian environment. Clarke is preparing to accept a greater portion of these young people who are capable, motivated, and committed to a serious educational goal of service in various fields of human endeavor.

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help. As I said at the beginning, I'm looking for an angel. Are you the one? Will you help locate our angel?

INAUGURATION DAY

April 1, 1978

The Board of Trustees and faculty of Clarke College are pleased to announce the inauguration of our recently elected President, Dr. S. L. Harris. The ceremonies will be conducted on Saturday, April 1, 1978, at 2:30 P.M. in the First Baptist Church, Newton, Mississippi.

Dr. Harris' leadership at Clarke College has already been well received during this past Fall semester. His inauguration, combined with Clarke's first Homecoming and College for a Day, promises to be a grand occasion for Clarke College Alumni, friends, and constituents everywhere. This occasion will signal the beginning of a new era and challenge for Clarke College, which all who work with it accept with great confidence and anticipation.

Alumni Register

The Fall "College For A Day" activities were a resounding success. A large number of alumni and friends, along with about 100 high school students, enjoyed the day's events under the direction of Allen B. Parnell, Director of Alumni Affairs.



(Left to right) Alumni James Drane ('42), Arlis Bryant ('52), and Paul Wilson ('53) register with Evelyn Carpenter Williams ('66), Alumni Secretary.

Dr. Carter Honored By Clarke



Dr. John F. Carter in the classroom during the 1976-77 school year.

Dr. John F. Carter has received a special honor from Clarke in recognition of his forty years of leadership and teaching at the college. In a col-

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Clarke Trustee Honored

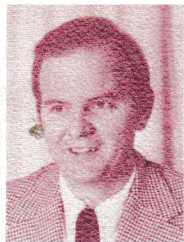
Mr. Rueben Lott, Clarke Trustee and long time supporter of the college, has received a Certificate of Merit from the City of Laurel for his work as Chairman and member of the Housing Authority Commission for the past nineteen years. He has also been elected a Director Emeritus of the First National Bank of Laurel. Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke Campus is named in honor of Mr. Lott and his wife Blondie, who joins him in his support for Clarke.

Staff Position Change



Dr. S. L. Harris has announced a change in the staff position of Rev. J. B. Costilow. "Bro. C." has been designated Director of Religious Activities at Clarke. In the enlarged responsibility he will have supervision of all religious organizations on the campus. He will direct all special religious emphases and programs and will serve as chairman of the Chapel Committee.

"Bro. C." has served as Baptist Student Union Director at Clarke since 1956 and the new position has been arrived at in cooperation with the Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention.



Alumni Awareness

By Allen Parnell

1978 — History In The Making

"HOMECOMING" Saturday, April 1, will be a first for all of the Clarke College Alumni. Mrs. Evelyn Williams, our Alumni Secretary, along with the Alumni Officers are planning some special events just for you. There will be opportunities for you to see your classmates and as you walk down memory lane with them, you'll be joined by alumni from each class year. Mark your calendar and make your plans now to attend this historical day.

Adding to the historical significance of the day will be the Inauguration of Dr. S. L. Harris as the new

President of Clarke College. You can be a part of this historical event as we join together in the mutual support of Clarke's outstanding new President.

You can also help make this a historical day in the lives of several young people by bringing them with you to visit Clarke on April 1. A separate program is being planned for our junior and senior high school prospects which includes: tours, hospitality booths, campus orientation, a light chapel program and a delicious meal.

Not only will history be made on April 1, but 1978 may go down in history as the year the alumni and friends of Clarke joined together in raising the largest amount ever in our Annual Fund Drive — \$150,000.00! Your donation will help make this historical milestone come to pass.

The year 1978 can be a busy, busy year for Clarke's Alumni, as we make history together in the mutual support of Christian Education at Clarke College.



(Left to right): Dr. W. L. Compere, Mrs. Compere, and Dr. Joe Tuten at the State Convention just after the plaque was presented.

Compere Honored At State Convention

Clarke College President-emeritus W. L. Compere was honored during the Mississippi Baptist Convention for his twenty two years of service at Clarke. Dr. and Mrs. Compere were guests of honor at a breakfast hosted by the Education Commission where appreciation was expressed to them. Later the same day they were called to the Convention platform where Dr. Joe Tuten, acting on behalf of the Education Commission, presented them a bronze plaque with an etching of the Clarke campus on it.

Those honoring the Compere's did so in recognition of their unselfish service to the college and its betterment. During Dr. Compere's administration the endowment increased from a small amount to three quarters of a million dollars. When he assumed the presidency in 1955 the total assets of the college were less than \$400,000; today these assets total more than two and a half million dollars. The physical plant has also been improved during Dr. Compere's term of service. He led in the building of the Library, the Women's

Bold Missions Thrust At Clarke



L to R: Rev. J. B. Costilow, Dale Pocase, Angela Burnham, and Sharon Wilson.

Clarke is joining the Convention-wide emphasis on Bold Mission Thrust with a number of activities scheduled and more in the planning stages. The College began the emphasis with a World Missions Night

the Home Mission Board, and the Foreign Mission Board will be on the campus to inspire and challenge the student body to become more involved in missions. Already committed to participate are Mississippi Bap-

on December 9. This Missions Night was a unified effort to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and BSU summer missions. A goal of \$3,000.00 has been set for this year to be divided equally between the three.

Clarke's annual Spiritual Emphasis Week will take the Bold Missions Thrust for its theme and will be held on 3-5, 1978. Representatives from the Mississippi Baptist Convention,

ists' Executive Secretary Dr. Earl Kelly and J. Bryan Brasington of the Foreign Mission Board.

A Bold Missions Thrust Committee has been appointed by President Harris to implement the activities. Members are Rev. J. B. Costilow, Dr. Charles Melton, and Mrs. Jean Jacobs.

A "Bold Missions into all the World" display was set up during December and a Missions Information Resource Center is being prepared.

and Men's Dormitories, the Science Building, and the Fine Arts Building. In the 1970s he secured financing for the modern brick duplexes for married students. His latest successful effort was the securing of funds from individuals for the construction of a new home for the college president.

Mrs. Compere, the former Jacqueline Senter, has been a faithful co-worker, giving of herself in helping to build Christian character in the lives of students at Clarke.



Front row, left to right: Ruben Cleveland, H. A. Milner, James Smith, M. L. Flynt, Jr., and Mrs. A. J. McIlwain. Back row, left to right: Jack Brand, James Booth, John Brock, James Ruffin, and Jamie Tynes.

Clarke College Trustees Meet

The 1978 Clarke College Board of Trustees met on December 6 at the college for organization and business. New Trustees were welcomed by President S. L. Harris and officers for the new year were elected. Dr. M. L. Flynt, Jr., of Meridian was elected chairman and Dr. Herman A. Milner of Jackson is the new Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Frank L. Fair, Jr., of Louisville will be serving as secretary. Other

members are the following: Jack W. Brand, Newton; Dr. James E. Booth, Eupora; Rev. John Brock, Gautier; Ruben Cleveland, Lexington; W. H. Gallaspy, Greenwood; Clovis Harden, Grenada; Reuben Lott, Laurel; Mrs. A. J. McIlwain, Jackson; Leonard B. Melvin, Jr., Laurel; Rev. James Ruffin, Meridian; Rev. James Smith, Houston; Rev. Jamie Tynes, Heidelberg.

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Presidential Ambassadors Chosen At Clarke

President S. L. Harris has named four students to serve as the first Presidential Ambassadors for Clarke College. These students will assist him in representing the college at various meetings and activities. Dr. Harris stated that the appointments are based on his belief that students can be effective representatives for the college. Two Freshmen and two Sophomores will be selected each year to serve as Presidential Ambassadors. Sophomore Ambassadors for the 1977-78 school year are Beth Milner of Jackson and Randy Leslie of Tupelo. Chosen from the Freshman class were Mary Bryant of Louisville and Danny Lynn of Northport, Alabama.

DR. HARRIS AND THE AMBASSADORS — (left to right) Danny Lynn, Mary Bryant, Dr. Harris, Beth Milner, Randy Leslie.

lege chapel service and at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, President Harris announced the decision of the Clarke College Board of Trustees to name the next appropriate permanent building erected on the campus the John F. Carter Building. Dr. and Mrs. Carter received a standing ovation from the students and faculty at the college when the announcement was made and a similar response was shown by the Convention. In his remarks following the announcement, Dr. Carter expressed optimism for the future growth of Clarke College.

Now in his eighty ninth year, Dr. Carter and Mrs. Carter live at 508 Scanlon Street, Newton.



Clarke Choir Has Busy Semester

The Clarke College Choir, composed of sixty voices, has performed a number of concerts during the Fall Semester. The choir, and a smaller selected group, the Clarke Singers, sang at the State Convention and followed that with a mini-tour to churches in Louisiana and Mississippi. In addition to associational meetings, the choir sang a concert of Christmas music in downtown Newton and taped a fifteen minute Christmas program for WTOK-TV in Meridian. With the opening of the Spring Semester, the choir begins practicing for the many performances they will take part in before the school year ends. Director of Choral Activities Clark Adams expresses pleasure at the high quality of talent which makes up this year's music groups at Clarke.



The Clarke College Choir pauses during its Fall tour to have a picture taken.

Gift Updates Library Equipment

A generous gift from Clarke Trustee Mrs. A. J. McIlwain of Jackson has made possible the purchase of additional audio-visual equipment for the college library. Mrs. McIlwain continues to be a wholehearted booster of Clarke and her encouragement serves as an inspiration to others.

Clarke Librarian Mrs. S. L. Harris happily inspects some of the new audio-visual equipment.



AlumNews

Class of '44

Shirley Jackson, missionary to Brazil, has returned to the field and may be addressed at Caiza 950-ZC-007, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro.

Class of '49

Robert Dunn has been called as pastor of the Carmel Church, Monticello.

Class of '60

Raymond A. Wilson has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Bruce. He comes to this church from the Trinity Church, Casa Grande, Arizona.

Class of '64

Patricia Ard Pirkle and her husband Donald have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to GAZA where he will work as a physio-therapist. They have been attending NOBTS. The Pirkles have three children.

Class of '66

Shirley Lynch Smith and her husband Cary are the parents of a daughter, Kimberly Gail, born March 15, 1977. Shirley has received her Masters in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Library Science. They live at 3920 Rock Ridge Road, Birmingham, AL 35210.

Mary Etta Layne has been named a finalist in the annual "Outstanding Young Women of America" competition. She is assistant principal and teacher of Lazana Elementary School in Gulfport.

Ann (Shirley) and Jim Slaughter are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Mark, on October 2, 1977.

Class of '69

Ann Harrell Scott and her husband Bill are living at 120 Oak Drive, Spencer, WV, where he is pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Jimmie D. Garrard was honored with a Pastor's Appreciation Day by the members of Bethany Baptist Church, Whynot, after seven years of service.

John Wayne Carter, a Captain in the Marine Corps, was recently transferred to New Orleans where he is head of the Marine data processing. He has received his MED from the University of Maryland.

Class of '70

Marlon Seaneey has been called as pastor of the Lake Harbor Church, Ross Barnett Reservoir.

Sherman & Linda (Marter) Barnette were honored during Pastor Appreciation Day at Friendship Church in Grenada after two years of service.

Glenn Shows received his MRE from NOBTS and is currently teaching Bible/Music at Centreville and serving as Music and Activity Director.

Class of '71

Peggy Skelton McCray and husband Larry are the proud parents of a son, Joel Edgar, born November 22, 1977. They live in Anniston, AL.

Terry Mahan and his wife Mary are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Victoria Dawn, born November 17, 1977. Terry would like to hear from all his old friends: Sgt. Terry Mahan, 497 RTG, Box 1196, APO NY 09633.

Hal & Yvonne (Briscoe) Bates announce the birth of a son, Joseph Evan, born November 4, 1977. Hal will receive the MDiv from NOBTS in March.

Class of '73

Laura Bingham Prevost and husband, David, are attending NOBTS and serve as Minister of Music and Youth at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, LA.

Donald Wayne and Gloria Lynn (Bishop) announce the birth of a son, Benjamin John, born November 18. Their address: Route 1, Box 204-B, Louin, MS.

Class of '74

Deborah (Gardner) and David Carr live in Hannibal, MO. He is Financial Aid Director at Hannibal LaGrange College and she is secretary in Admissions.

Class of '75

Gaye Nell Loper was married on August 27, 1977, to Tom Napier. They live at 709 1/2 First Avenue, Laurel, MS.

Class of '76

Carol Jones and Steve Chastain were united in marriage on July 17, 1977, in Ocean Springs, MS.

Jan Doyle ('77) and Al Marengo, Jr. were married at Shaw Baptist Church, on June 25, 1977.

Barbara Tillotson and Keith Bennett ('77) were married on Dec. 30, 1977, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Vicksburg. Keith is Minister of Music at Taylorsville Baptist Church and both are students at Carey.

Class of '77

Rickey England has moved to the pastorate of Aldridge Missionary Baptist Church, Parrish, AL.

Clarke Student To Semester Missions

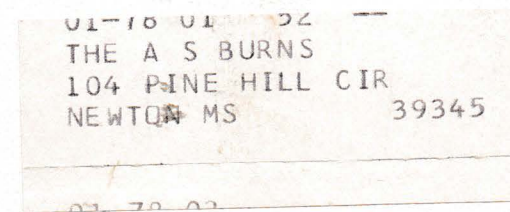
Dale Pocase, who graduated from Clarke at the end of the Fall Semester, has been selected by the Home Mission Board to serve in Semester Missions beginning this month. He will be living in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and serving as youth worker in the metropolitan Pittsburg area. Dale, from Pensacola, Florida, has served as BSU Missions Chairman and as a library assistant.

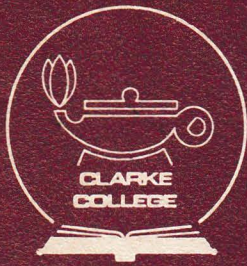
Have you lost your college annual? Some back issues of the college annual are available to alumni who wish to purchase them. If you are interested in one of these, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office, Mrs. Evelyn Williams, secretary. These can be picked up when you are on campus for a visit or at Homecoming April 1.



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Clarke To Honor Carters



Dr. John F. Carter

Dr. and Mrs. John F. Carter will be honored with a special "John F. and Mattie Carter Day" on May 25 of this year. Dr. Carter, long time professor of Bible at Clarke, is now in his ninety first year and he and Mrs. Carter live in Newton following his retirement from Clarke. He is still active in preaching and serving in the Newton area.

During his forty years of service with the college, Dr. Carter has influenced the lives of hundreds of men and women and has been instrumental in encouraging young men training for the ministry. The Carters' two sons, Dr. John T. Carter and Dr. Henry S. Carter and their wives, have established a scholarship in their honor. The scholarship is given each year to a freshman ministerial student.

In announcing the event, Dr. Johnson had this to say, "Dr. John F. Carter retired from teaching two years ago after many years in the classroom, and during that span of time

Clarke Graduation Plans Set

Clarke College acting president Dr. A. C. Johnson has announced plans for the Clarke College graduation exercises. The event will take place on Thursday, May 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Newton. Speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. L. Gordon Sansing of Meridian. Dr. Sansing has a long history of association with and support for Clarke College from his graduation in 1937. He later served on the Board of Trustees of the college. Following his Clarke days he graduated from Mississippi College and received his seminary training at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1944. Mississippi College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity in 1963.

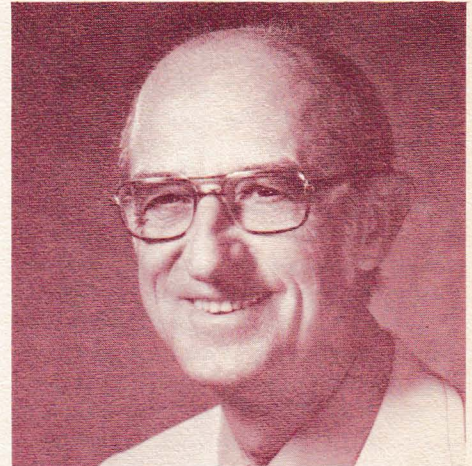
He pastored churches in Mississippi, including Pelahatchie; First Baptist, Booneville; Crestwood and Broadmoor in Jackson before joining the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He spent twelve years with the Convention, serving as Secretary of Evangelism for Miss. He retired from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Grenada, and has since lived in Meridian. He pastors the Arrowood Baptist Church in Meridian and teaches in the Seminary Extension Center in Lauderdale County.

Dr. Sansing is in great demand as an evangelist and as a speaker for religious and civic events. Long active in Civitan, he has served as District Governor of the Miss. District of Civitan International, as Secretary of the Civitan International, and is currently president of the Meridian Civitan Club.

Dr. and Mrs. Sansing, the former Polly Murphy of Union, are the parents of three sons: Dr. Gordon H. Sansing of Pontotoc; Tom of New Orleans, and the late Tim.

Music for the graduation ceremonies will be under the direction of Mr. Clark Adams and will feature the Clarke College Choir.

You are invited to participate in this event honoring the Carters, with a suggested twenty five dollar contribution. This contribution will cover the dinner with the balance being given to the Annual Fund Drive. It is understood that any contribution covers a couple's attendance.



Dr. L. Gordon Sansing

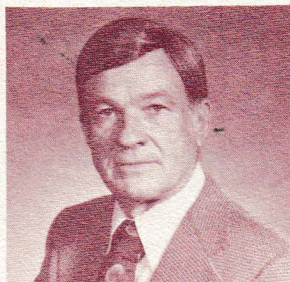
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IN MEMORIAM
W. H. Gallaspy
Trustee 1968-1978

Director Of Development/Alumni



Dr. A. C. Johnson
Acting President

The support you have given me this semester has been tremendous and I thank you for the many ways you have made it evident. More than this I am grateful for your support of the total program at Clarke College.

Our thoughts turn at this time to graduation exercises for those receiving diplomas and we are excited about that event and extend our best wishes to those students who will not be facing new challenges and responsibilities. We trust that each graduating student has found spiritual strength which will better enable him to face the opportunities and responsibilities of our changing times. Our hope is that your faith in God and man has become stronger as you pursued your educational goals.

Alumni, faculty, staff, students, trustees and friends please accept my gratitude for your every act of kindness you have shown me this year and rest assured that all of this has been endebly inscribed in my heart and will be found in my book of memories forever.

Best wishes to all.

Dr. A. C. Johnson
Acting President

You Are Invited!

Clarke alumni and friends are always welcome at Clarke. When you are in the Newton area, drop by and visit the campus. Our new home for the president is the latest building to be added. The circle is being beautified with rose bushes, new shrubs and trees, and the library walk is lined with azaleas. The friendly smile and warm welcome that say, "This is Clarke," are still there. Clarke is a special place and **you** are a part of it.

Clarke Students In Summer Service

Eight Clarke students have already been assigned by the Home Mission Board to places of summer missions service and two students have been selected to serve on the staff at Camp Garaywa. Four students will be going to California. They are Dorothy Beaver, Forest; Chris Myers, Daleville; Paul Stupka, Benton; Willie Watts, Houma, Louisiana. Joe Styron of Braxton will serve in Oklahoma and Amy Pitts of Terry will be in New Mexico. Traveling to Missouri will be Burton Schmitz of Carrollton and Zelma Maury of Morton will serve in Maryland. Chosen to be counselors at Camp Garaywa are Donna Wiggins of Columbia and Elaine Jones of Meridian. This number is equal to the ten students who served last summer and it is expected that others will be receiving notice of appointment before the school year ends. Clarke continues to be a place where the spirit of missions can be felt.



The Norman Smith family looks forward to Oklahoma. L to R: Michelle, Carolyn, Milissia, Robert, Norman.

Clarke Student Family Volunteers

The Norman Smith family has completed arrangements to serve for six weeks this summer as volunteers with the Home Mission Board in the Missions Service Corps. Norman, his wife Carolyn, both Clarke students, and the children will leave May 28 and work in the Osage Indian Center at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, under the supervision of Rev. Raymond Redcorn, home missionary. The Smiths plan to serve with the Home Mission Board when they complete their schooling.

Commentary From Academia

by
Dean Gary N.
Garner, Ph.D.



Portrait Of Clarke College— Past, Present, Future

Clarke College is at the crossroads of its existence as a Christian college. It has served uniquely well the cause of Christianity the world over. It has provided an educational experience within a Christian context for literally thousands of students, who otherwise would have never encountered such a Christian atmosphere within an academic environment. Its physical size has always been relatively small, but its contribution to the growth of Christianity has been great. Without its existence during the last seventy-one years, Mississippi Baptists would have a most noticeable gap in their contribution to Christian education.

The past history of the College provides sound documentation that vision and faith prevailed through good and bad days. Its present course, well as its future existence deserves no less vision and faith from us and fellow constituents of Christian education statewide. We who now have direct authority and responsibility to chart its course into the twenty-first century must not allow winds of pessimism to abrogate the unique contribution that Clarke is making and will make for the cause of Christ worldwide. Anyone who has Christian education seriously at heart can only join the positive refrain that the future of Clarke College rests upon a firm foundation. Indeed, that foundation, created over the last seventy-one years of service, is made up of a mixture of dedication, sacrifice, divine vision, and unmeasurable determination. Among the 4734 graduates, not to speak of the hundreds who attended but never graduated; are outstanding missionaries, pastors, educators, and community leaders scattered throughout the world. The College has continued from its founding to possess and maintain a Christian spirit seldom matched in Christian education circles. Therefore, we believe unreservedly that Clarke's past provides a foundation for building a sound future.

Alumni Of 1965-66-67 . . . How Many Of These Do You Remember???



Reminiscing about these pictured, about those not present, about all that happened in those epochal years of 1965-66-67 will be the most important part of the reunion scheduled for June 2-3, 1979, for the alumni of those years and their immediate families. Activities recalling those days will take place . . . morning watch, signspiration, etc. and a time of renewing friendships and making future plans will be a part of the get together. For more information about the reunion, alumni can contact Evelyn Carpenter Williams (66) at Clarke.

Clarke Loses Supporters

Clarke has lost two of its long term and loyal supporters in the first months of 1979. Mr. W. H. Gallaspy, trustee since 1968, died in Greenwood where he had lived since 1947. He was a Newton County native and attended Clarke. His widow, the former Mary Alice Wofford, requested memorials to Clarke in his honor.

In more recent weeks Mr. Roy Pittman of Biloxi died and memorials in his honor are still being received. Mr. Pittman set up the Roy and Mildred Pittman Scholarship at Clarke in 1975 and it was that same year that his granddaughter, Debbie Sweet Braswell, graduated from Clarke.

In commenting on these two supporters with whom he had long association, President-emeritus W. L. Compere has this to say, "Bill Gallaspy was a loyal friend and supporter of Clarke College, as well as a choice alumnus and trustee. He was always willing to take time out from his own business to give attention to the problems, needs, and opportunities of the school. Mr. Pittman had a special interest in young people and actively worked with them in his church until near the end of his life. He had a vital interest in students preparing for vocational Christian service and the scholarship was set up to assist such students with a preference given to those from the Gulf Coast area. The passing of these two men is a great loss to Clarke. They have set example worthy of emulation by others."

HELP!!!! Secure The Future Of Clarke Send Us A Prospect



**Allen
B.
Parnell**
Director of
Admissions &
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The Future of Clarke College depends to a large degree on the number of prospects that we receive. You, as an alumnus of Clarke, are a vital link in supplying us with top prospects. Please join with others in strengthening the communications chain at Clarke. Take a few minutes of your time and send in a name today. You will be helping SECURE THE FUTURE of Clarke College.

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Missionary News

The number of Clarke alumni in active missionary service will rise to thirty-eight this summer as three more of our grads join the ranks. **Janie Boykin (75)** has been accepted in the Missionary Journeyman program and will be going to Liberia for a two year stint following orientation this summer. Janie graduated from USM and has taught school for a year and a half. She will work with Miss Margaret Fairburn in GA/Sunbeam work. **John and Jean (Holley) Jacobs (48)** will return to the Caribbean in early summer. They have been in the States since 1976 and, during that time, have been on the staff at Clarke. John has pastored and taught in the Bible dept. and Jean has served as Public Information Director. The Jacobs have been assigned to Trinidad and are awaiting work permit approval from that government. **John Merritt (50)** is now in Wiesbaden, West Germany, where he serves as the Executive Secretary for the European Baptist Convention (English language). **John and Clara (Huckaby) Schoolar (48)**, Southwest Africa, are on furlough. Address: P. O. Box 542, Clinton, MS 30956.

Thomas (53) and Gloria Thurman have been on furlough in Mississippi the past year, living in Columbia. Gloria was the speaker for Clarke's World Awareness Week. They will be returning to Bangladesh in June.

Note: The VOICE needs up to date info. on our missionary alumni. Can you help?

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THANKS!

Alum News

1960's

Mrs. Jim (Joyce Loden) Odom ('64) is now serving as organist at Calvary Baptist Church, Scottsboro, AL. Son and daughter are now ages 8 and 5.

Perry Neal ('61), 4418 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, AL is now in his fifth year of full-time evangelism.

Carl and Pat Kuby (Williams '64), 11309 Chicamauga Trail, SE, Huntsville, AL 35803, are the proud parents of a daughter, Candace Ross, born December 19, 1978.

Rev. Joseph Bruce Knight ('63) and wife, Nancy, are glad to announce the adoption of Anthony Shane on September 21, 1978. He was twelve weeks old when he arrived at his new home. Bruce ("Butch") is Minister of Religious Education at Alberta Baptist Portrait, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.

1970's

Bobby and Martha Pennebaker ('71), Box 445, Florence, MS announce the arrival of Jennifer Leigh on November 26, 1978.

Rev. Johnny and Laurie (Kirkland) Taylor ('72), 221 Long Avenue, Whiteburg, KY 41858, are the proud parents of Ashley Michele, born January 8, 1979.

David and Deborah (Gardner) Carter ('74), 94 Basswood Parkview Edition, Rolla, Missouri 65401, are the proud parents of a daughter, Jessica Dawn, born March 24, 1979.

Jennifer Higgins Nickel ('73) is the happy mother of a baby son born to her and her husband, Patrick Nickel. Mr. Nickel recently was commissioned in the United States Army. Jennifer received her degree in communications, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of North Alabama in 1978. The proud grandparents are Charles and Bettie Higgins, former staff members at Clarke.

Laura Bingham Prevost ('72) and husband, David, live on campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary while he works on Master of music degree.

Melany Bingham Fortenberry ('74) works as an insurance underwriter in Jackson while husband, Shane, attends University Medical School.

Rev. Luther Johnson attended Clarke in 1968-71, graduated from East Texas Baptist College, and is now serving as pastor of Westside Baptist Church, 3814 Venice Rd., Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

NOTE: Send us your latest news; we will share it!

Fifty Year Reunion Set

Members of the Clarke College graduating class of 1929 will have their Golden Reunion on May 5, 1979, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Lott Fine Arts Building. A registration fee of \$5.00 will be paid and will include the cost of lunch in the college cafeteria. Acting President Dr. A. C. Johnson will speak to the alumni and special guests will be Dr. and Mrs. John F. Carter. More information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Jewel Ball at 683-2061.

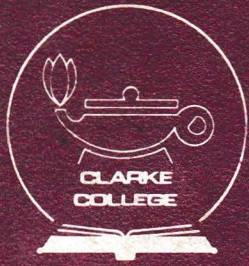


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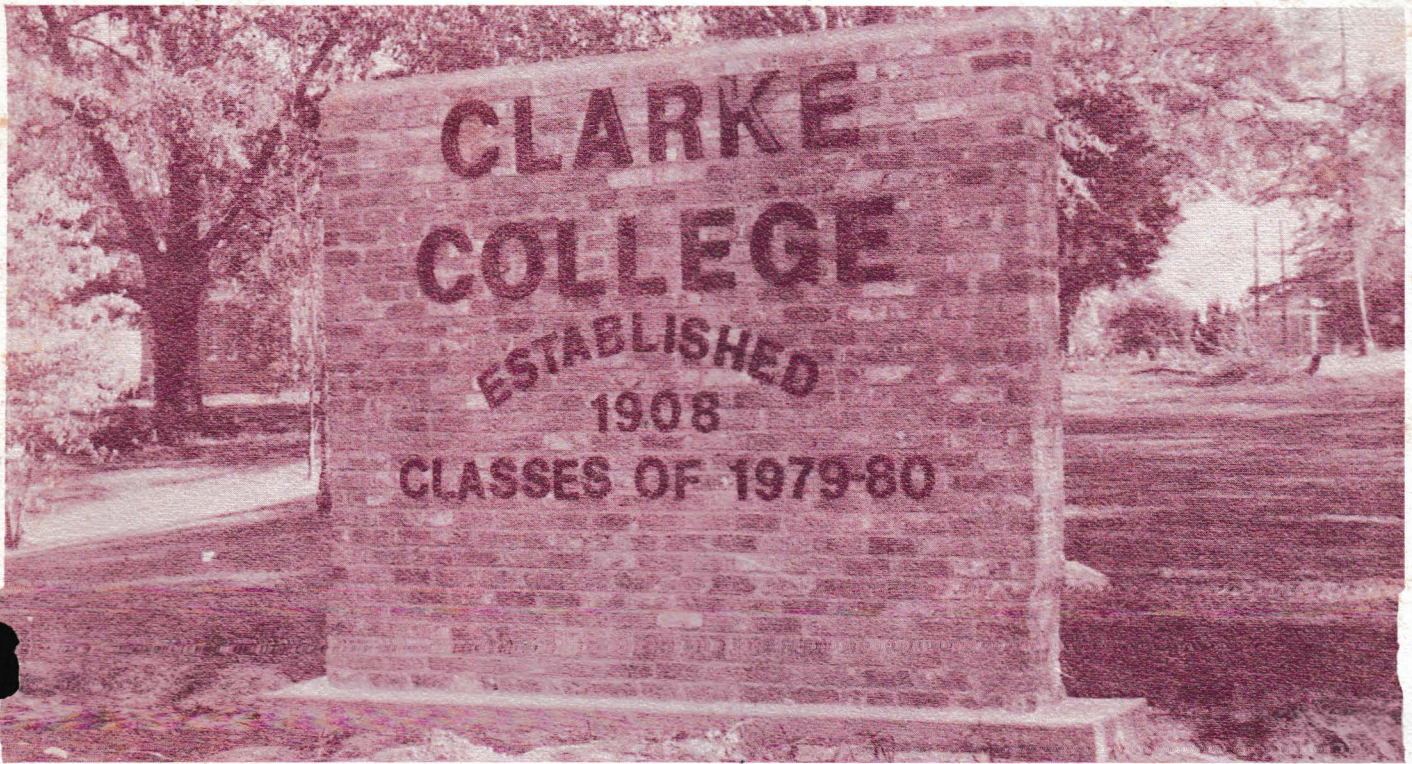


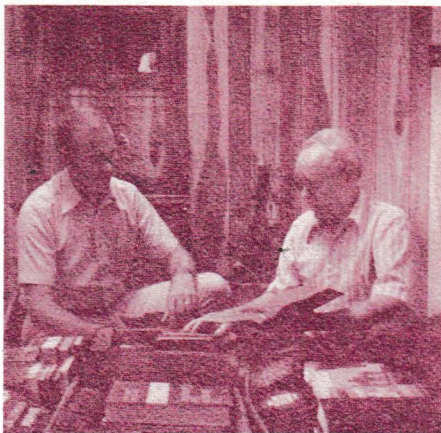
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WINTER, 1980





Allen B. Parnell, Director of Development and Paul R. Dunlap examine some of the books that Reverend Dunlap recently donated to the college.

Gift To Clarke Library

Rev. Paul Dunlap of Mc Calla, Alabama recently donated nearly 300 books to the college library. Dunlap, who graduated from Clarke in 1950, recently retired from the pastorate. He gives a vivid and exciting testimony of what Clarke College means to him.

"I came to Clarke College in 1922 when I was eight years old because my father became a student at the college. I began an acting career at that time as the "brat" in the Gypsy Operetta. In 1948 I returned to Clarke as a student."

"I have been to many schools and have received several degrees, but if the Lord told me I would have to give up all but two years of my education, I'd have to say 'Lord, I'll keep Clarke — you can have all the rest.'"

Most of the books donated by Rev. Dunlap were commentaries and books related to Bible study. "I wanted students at Clarke to get as much use out of these books as I have," he said.

Lest anyone worry, Reverend Dunlap is unlikely to rust away in his retirement. He serves as Dean of the Alabama Baptist Theological Institute, a local organization dedicated to providing training for ministers. Dunlap also plays the violin, banjo, and guitar. He has rescued several of each from the trash heap and restored them to mint condition.

Clarke College exists because of the concern and generosity of

Clarke Loses Faithful Friend

THE VOICE of Clarke College sadly reports the passing of Mattie Carter, wife of John F. Carter, on October 28, 1979.

There have been many who have loved and given their lives to Clarke, but there have been none who have loved and given more than Mrs. Carter.

Her unselfish dedication to Clarke and the Lord's work are her own special memorial that will extend as long as there are those who know and love Clarke.

She and Dr. Carter have, to many, become the very ideal of Clarke College. Their identification with the Mississippi Baptist Junior College began in 1919 when Dr. Carter accepted a position as Bible instructor.

Although Mrs. Carter is no longer with us physically, her memory lives on in the lives of the many people who knew her as faithful friend and Christian worker. Dr. Carter continues to reside at his home in Newton.



Brother J. B. Costilow, Director of Religious Activities, talks with Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer. Brother Spencer returned to the campus recently to lead in Chapel services. He and Mrs. Spencer are serving in First Baptist Church, Morton.

friends and graduates like Paul Dunlap. If you own items that are of no further use to you, consider a donation to Clarke. Your items can have a new life of usefulness to our students. In addition, a donation can be tax deductible. Allen B. Parnell, Director of Development, is available to talk with anyone about donations to the College.

Lottie Moon Goal Exceeded

For many years the Christmas season has held a special meaning for Clarke College students and faculty. It has come to signify a season of love and giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

For the past few years many Clarke supporters were sad to see that some of the emphasis had been taken off of the Lottie Moon Offering, so in 1979 an "old fashioned" Clarke - Lottie Moon Christmas season was planned.

The Clarke BYW began planning. Mrs. Evelyn Williams, Director of Financial Aid, served as sponsor of the organization and worked with Mary Meeks, club president. J. B. Costilow, Director of Religious Activities, assisted the BYW as they set a goal of \$1979.80.

As the Christmas season drew near, more and more students became involved in the business of striving to reach the goal.

Finally, on Thursday night prior to the last week of the semester students and faculty gathered in front of the women's dorm to "light the star."

Although it was rainy and cold the turnout was good. Even at the last moment many were giving or pledging money to the offering. Finally, the total was announced. The goal of \$1979.80 had been exceeded. After a few days a final total was available — \$2572.16. The tradition of a Lottie Moon Christmas had been reestablished.



Calvin Permenter, Instructor in Music, peers from under a heavy snow of paper in his office. The "rolling" of offices has become somewhat of a tradition at Clarke, but some still have a hard time understanding that "students do this because they love us!"



A Word From The President

I am continually grateful for the fine spirit of cooperation which has prevailed since I first became associated with Clarke College. So many of you have demonstrated a willingness to work and have given so much of your time in promoting the best interests of our beloved school. This has provided the source of needed inspiration and created a keen desire to forge ahead in greater Christian educational development.

We have needs which seem, from the human viewpoint, overwhelming, but we are fully confident that God can, and will, provide all the necessary things for the satisfactory utilization of the facilities at Clarke College. We are required, however, to work hard and to make some sacrifices, as well as exercise a deep and abiding faith in order to make ourselves fit recipients for the wonderful blessings God has in store for us. He will abundantly bless us if we work hard, trust him and dedicate our time, talents and money to His work here on earth.

Your help is more urgently needed this year than ever before. We have financial burdens that are staggering and your generosity is necessary to lift this load. We believe you will feel the need to respond and that right soon. Also, please consider yourself a recruiting agent for the College and encourage students to come to Clarke for their first two years in college.

Lastly, we sincerely ask that you pray for Clarke College to the end that God's name will be honored above all others in all that we do here in providing Christian educational opportunities for those who come this way.

1970 REUNION

April 19, 1980
Special Invitation to
Classes of '69 & '71



The 1980 Clarke College Singers pose for an early Spring shot. The Singers, as well as the Concert Choir, are hard at work preparing for a Spring tour that will take them to many churches, schools and places throughout the South. For 1981 booking information contact Clark Adams, director of the groups.

GOING & TELLING

Clarke College has long had a tradition of Christian service to local churches, schools, and organizations through students interested in extending the influence of the college and Christ.

Many have said that Clarke students will go almost anywhere to tell others about the Lord. Current ministries include nursing homes, hospitals, Indian missions, churches and schools.

But with all the going and telling there is still a need for more places to go. If your church, civic group, school, or institution would like to have representatives from the College please contact Dow Ford, Director of Admissions and Public Relations. Youth teams, student ministers and musicians are always available. The Campus Singers and Concert Choir are available at special times during the year. Won't you give us the chance to go and tell?

COLLEGE FOR A DAY

APRIL 19

Bring a prospective student!



Commentary From Academia

By Dr. Gary N. Garner

The Board of Trustees of Clarke College considered and adopted one of the most significant programs for the College in recent years at its December, 1979 meeting. It approved the organization and support of a men's and women's intercollegiate basketball program, beginning in the fall of 1980. This action will go a long way in filling the void in the student activities program at the College. It will also help strengthen indirectly our baseball program, which is under the capable direction of Joe Gibbon, a former successful major league player for thirteen years.

We are in the process of selecting the most capable Christian coach to direct our physical education program and to coach the men's and women's teams. It is important that the person be selected by early February in order to have ample time to recruit the best players possible this spring. We urge all alumni and friends of the College to send us names of outstanding players, both men and women, whom they know and will recommend. We will be competitive with financial assistance and ask that prospective players come and visit us for details, before making their final decision as to where they will attend college.

The College embarks upon the decade of the eighties with a broad and challenging program, which will offer its students the best of academics, exciting extra-curricular activities, and a most positive spiritual atmosphere.

1980

GRADUATION EXERCISES

MAY 8

3:00 p.m.

Alum News

1960's

Grady Crowell, a native of Winston County, MS, is the new director of missions for Clarke and Wayne Baptist Association, moving back to his home state from Grace Missionary Church, Norwood, Ohio. Crowell, wife and daughter are now at home at Waynesboro, MS.

Perry Neal ('61), 4418 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, AL 36109, enters his sixth year of full-time evangelism and his twenty-fourth year in the ministry of the Gospel, beginning January 5, 1980.

James Lee Spencer ('63) and wife Kathryn ('63) along with sons, Lee 14; Trent, 10; and daughter Kecia 5, are now living in Morton where he is pastor of the First Baptist Church. They moved there from Sherman Baptist Church in Lee County. He attended New Orleans Theological Seminary and completed requirements for the Master of Religious Education degree in December.

Robin "Nick" Nichols ('68) and wife, Jane, are the proud parents of a son, Nathan Douglas, born June 10. Home address 7 Windsor Road, Newnan, GA 30263.

Woodrow Burt ('68) has assumed the responsibilities of Associate Academic Dean and Registrar at Hannibal-LaGrange College. Mr. Burt received the A.A. degree from Clarke College and the B.A. and M.E. degrees from Mississippi College. He has also done additional graduate study at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, Katherine, has taken the position of Speech Instructor at the College. Both were former instructors at Clarke. They have two children, Mark 5 and Laura 2.

Kent Palmer and Ann Boutwell Palmer ('69), Route 1, Lucas, Kansas 67648, announce the arrival of Megan Ann on November 28, 1979.

Ivo Livingston, Jr. has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Rockford Baptist Church, Rockford, AL. He and his wife Jane ('65) and their two children, Deanne and Dan, moved to the new church field in October.

1970's

David Wayne Dyess ('71) and wife Barbara (Ann (Ellison) Dyess ('71) are the proud parents of a baby girl, Allison Lee, born September 23, 1979. Allison is welcomed by brothers David Todd 6 and Jason Wayne 4 of Florence, MS.

Stanley Earl Nowell ('75) has been called as minister of music and youth at Calvary Church, Batesville. Floyd Higginbotham is pastor at Calvary. Stanley is married to the former Janet Reid of Clarksdale.

Leon Dunn ('73) is now pastor of

Hopewell Baptist Church, Newton County, and living at Route 2, Box 73, Little Rock, MS.

Tim and Cathy Overstreet Massey are the proud parents of a 9 lb. 6 oz. son, Shaun Michael. They reside in Chunky, MS.

Tim Robertson ('77) and **Glenda Huff** ('79) were recently married. They reside in Hattiesburg.

Steve Beasley and Dena Pitre ('78) were married October 6, 1979 and living at Route 1, Box 330, Tupelo, MS.

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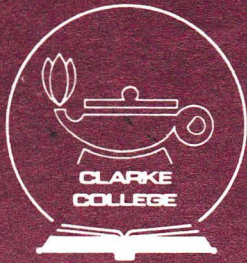
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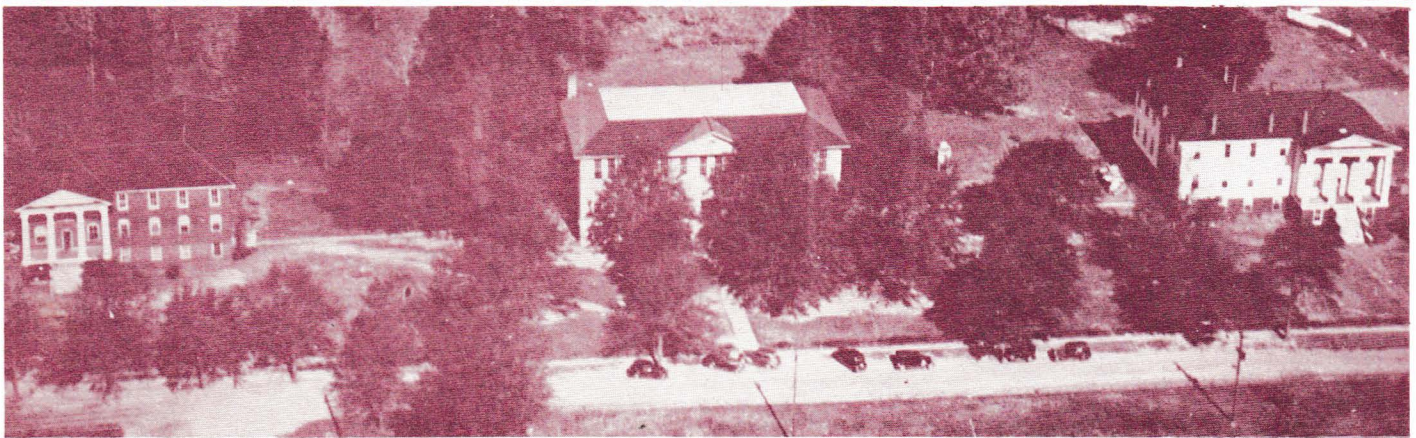


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SPRING, 1981



Clarke College in the 1930's. None of the buildings shown now exist. The young trees lining the sidewalks are now the massive oaks that form the north side of "the circle."

The Future Brings Change

Messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November approved a proposed merger between Clarke College and Mississippi College.

Final approval must come from the trustees of Mississippi College.

The proposal to merge the two Southern Baptist-affiliated schools had been suggested by Clarke trustees and approved by the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission and "informally" supported by Mississippi College trustees.

The recommendation to merge with Mississippi College was made following a study of Clarke by the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission, which began after a joint meeting between Clarke trustees and the Education Commission in 1979.

Of the recommendation, M. L. Flynt, a Meridian physician and chairman of Clarke trustees, said: "After much diligent work and sincere prayer, the trustees feel that this is the best step that can be taken for the good of Mississippi Baptists and our institutions of higher learning under the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Billy Thames, president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and chairman of the Mississippi Christian Education Commission, added: "This action was not taken with the idea of getting rid of the institution but to strengthen its ministry."

Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College in Clinton, which has about 3,000 students, said the question of merger had been

presented informally to MC trustees who "unanimously expressed support for a resolution indicating that they looked with favor on such a move and authorized the administration to move forward and obtain such additional facts and figures as would be necessary to give final consideration to such a merger."

Nobles said it is anticipated, if the merger is approved, that "appropriate upper division courses, contingent on demand," will be offered at the Clarke campus. "In addition, the Clarke campus may well serve as an extension center for graduate level work in various academic areas for those who are interested and live in the geographical area served by Clarke."

For several years, Clarke College has been plagued by financial woes and declining enrollment. This year, however, enrollment topped 200, up from 160 last year. Records indicate that unrestricted giving has also been on the increase. As far as available records show, the past two years have been the highest in the college's history for gifts.

Educators have realized for some time that private junior colleges face difficulties that other colleges do not. Increased competition from state supported junior and community colleges where tuition is lower has cut into the traditional student market. By holding junior college status, an institution is also denied the upper level and graduate student market. In addition, alumni support for private junior colleges is not as great as it is for senior colleges. A quarter century ago there were 21 Baptist

junior colleges. Only two have closed — twelve have become senior colleges.

Actually, Clarke appeared in 1908 as a senior college, with the support of the General Association of Regular Baptist in East Central Mississippi. Ownership was transferred to the MBC in 1914 and since that time the college has operated as a junior college.

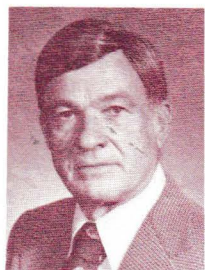
During the depression years the convention relinquished ownership of the college to a number of private individuals who leased the college for one dollar per year. During this time Clarke remained open only through the sacrificial dedication of an unpaid administration and faculty. Tuition was paid by students in everything from livestock to bales of cotton.

Gradually the college began to establish some headway against the many problems of the times and in November of 1945 Clarke Memorial College was reinstated as a denominationally supported school.

For the next twenty years the college experienced a period of progress. New buildings were constructed, innovative programs added, and regional accreditation achieved.

In the early seventies, however, enrollment began to gradually decrease and by 1979 it was apparent that the trustees must make substantial changes if the college was to survive.

The proposed merger with MC is not expected to be a cure-all according to college trustees, but, by opening up new doors through upper level and graduate work, Clarke College can extend its special influence and atmosphere to a larger group of people.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, I should express my thanks to all of you who have supported Clarke College during this year. The many expressions of your interest in the Christian education program here and the assurances of your prayer support have been very meaningful indeed, and certainly the source of strength for us throughout the past several months. We request your constant prayers because we rely on the promise and eternal truth that the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We are busily engaged at this moment in preparing a program for next fall which will be broader as a result of the merger with Mississippi College. There is a lot of excitement about what can happen with a curriculum that now appears to be developing for the future and we believe it will redound to the benefit of students who are here and will come beginning with the fall semester.

The central theme of our program will always be a program of excellence in a Christian environment seeking to honor our Lord in all we do.

HOMECOMING — 1981 April 11

All Alumni are invited to participate in our annual Homecoming activities on Saturday, April 11. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. in the Lott Fine Arts Building. A special recognition will be given the Classes of 1976 and 1971.

Traveling back to the Clarke Campus will bring back many memories of fun-filled days of your Clarke experience. Why not combine the trip with sharing what Clarke has meant to you with juniors and seniors in your area. Bring some of them with you and let them experience first-hand the friendly spirit of Clarke.

Who knows? You just might help open the doors of opportunity for a dedicated young person that will lead to a fruitful and fulfilled ministry.

See You on April 11th!

Clarke Continues

As plans for the merging of Clarke College and Mississippi College continue, many alumni have asked if the name of the college would be retained. Mississippi College officials have indicated that they would like to keep the identity of Clarke intact and would be receptive to using the name "Clarke" in some way.

The college opened in 1908 as Clarke Memorial College and was to be a living memorial to the life of Reverend N. L. Clarke who had died in 1906 at the age of 95.

N. L. Clarke had been one of the most loved and respected pastors in the state. He baptized more than 2500 converts into the church, helped in the organization of nearly 100 churches and participated in the ordination of over 150 preachers and deacons. He stood at the bed of more than 500 during their deaths. Three thousand marriage ceremonies and almost the same number of funerals were performed during his ministry.

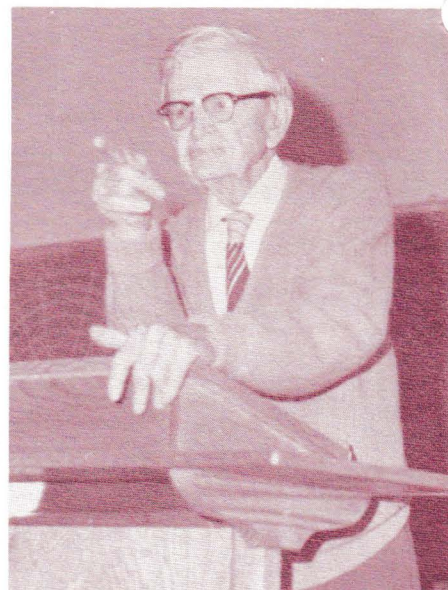
He was pastor of the Decatur (Mississippi) Church (now Clarke-Venable Baptist Church) for 58 years. He helped organize and was the first pastor of the Newton Baptist Church beginning in 1869 and served in that capacity for 35 years. He served for 20 years as missionary under the appointment of the Mt. Pisgah Association. At his suggestion, in 1855, the General Association was organized and he served as its moderator for 51 years. During all this time he traveled some 75,000 miles on horseback filling his appointments.

The "memorial" in Clarke Memorial College was deleted in 1971, but the name still stands as a great memorial to one of God's great men.

GRADUATION
MAY 7, 1981
3:00

CLASS REUNION
1971 and 1976
APRIL 11, 1981

1980 Brings Loss . . .



Dr. John Carter

In 1980 Clarke College lost two of its most distinguished and loved former faculty members. Dr. James L. Clark, instructor of Bible and History from 1951-74, passed away on July 21, 1980. One week later Dr. John F. Carter also died. Dr. Carter had been affiliated with Clarke College since 1920.

Dr. Clark was born in River Falls, Alabama and received his undergraduate education at Stetson and the University of Miami. He earned the Bachelor of Divinity, the Master of Theology, and the Doctor of Theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and served as a pastor for 40 years.

While at Clarke College Dr. Clark was primarily a Bible instructor, although he was often found displaying his many talents in other classrooms, history, government, geography, English. He also had articles published in the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists.

Dr. Clark was buried in Winter Gardens, Florida. His funeral was held in Winter Garden Baptist Church, the same church where he accepted Christ in 1928 and later surrendered to the ministry. A memorial service was held on August 3 at Calvary Baptist Church, Newton, where Dr. and Mrs. Clark had been active members until his illness.

At Clarke the James L. and Ruth Clark Scholarship has been set up to provide a scholarship for a selected ministerial student at the college.

Dr. John F. Carter came to Clarke College in 1920 as professor of Bible. He served as president twice and was academic dean for a while. He was also



Dr. James L. Clark

the author of numerous books, pamphlets, and articles. His **Layman's Harmony of the Gospels** is widely used by Southern Baptists. Dr. Carter was virtually an encyclopedia of Bible knowledge, yet he never tired of searching the scriptures and sharing his special insight into God's Word. He and Mrs. Carter were active charter members of Calvary Baptist Church, Newton.

Dr. Carter was buried in Newton alongside his wife Mattie who died in October of 1979.

The John F. and Mattie Carter Scholarship fund was established by the Carters themselves. It provides a scholarship each year to a second semester freshman ministerial student.

The lives of these two men in every way exemplifies the ideals of Clarke College: service to God and compassion for one's fellow man. Though each has passed on from our presence, we still feel their spirit and influence in a very real way.



Gary N. Garner, Ph. D.
Dean of Academic Affairs

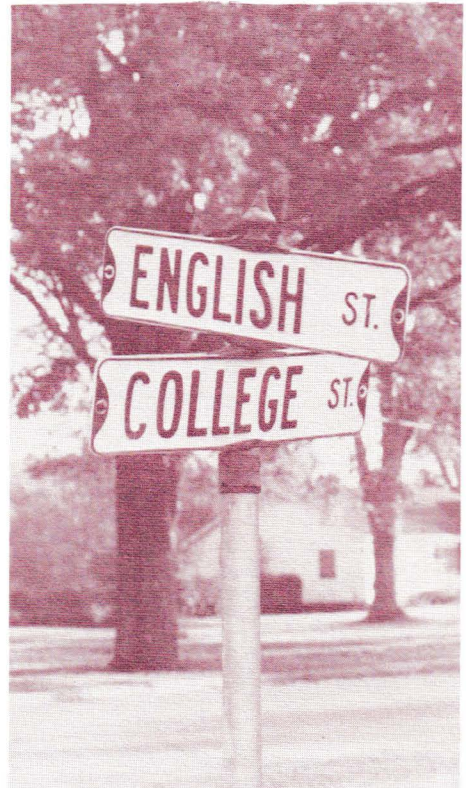
An expanded academic program is now being studied by the Academic Council at Clarke College in conjunction with the Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Mississippi College, Dr. Charles Martin. Under the anticipated merger with Mississippi College, which should take effect in August, 1981, a third year program of courses will be added to Clarke's offerings, with the fourth year following in 1982. Junior level courses to be offered in the fall will lead to a B.A. degree in Religion, Music, English, and History. There is a possibility of a teacher certification program on the secondary level in several fields, including the above areas, science, and physical education. Later elementary certification could be added. With the addition of one or two possible faculty members, Clarke's current faculty is qualified to offer the junior and senior level.

In addition to the regular collegiate program of Biblical Studies and Religious Education, there are efforts being made to explore options for a non-degree type training program for both lay persons in the church as well as pastors and other people in church ministries needing specific orientation in their ministry. Such a program will meet the need of

View From Academia

many bivocational pastors and church workers not currently being met. Persons interested in such a program should contact the Dean's office at Clarke College.

Another new aspect anticipated under the new auspices of Mississippi College is the revitalization of the physical activity program. There will be a modest array of activities at the College, which will provide a more competitive basis for young people to consider when deciding on which college to attend. Clarke College continues its genuine commitment to learning in a Christian atmosphere of love and compassion.



Most beautiful for 1981 - Patricia Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brady of Newton.

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ALUM NEWS

1950's

Dr. Anis A. Shorosh ('55) just published his sixth book. **Jesus, Prophecy and the Middle East** is becoming a best seller as it deals with the current and future of the Middle East in the light of biblical prophecy. If you wish, you may order the \$4.95 copy by writing to Box 440, Spanish Fort, Alabama, 36527.

1960's

Woodie ('66) and **Katherine Burt**, 5 Head Lane, Hannibal, Missouri, announce the addition of a daughter, Jennifer Carol, born March 16, 1980.

Gerald and Glenda Davis are missionaries in the Philippines. Their address is P. O. Box 162, Ozamiz City, Philippines, 9101. The Davis' have three children — Greg, Glenn and Gwen.

Perry Neal ('61), 4418 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, AL, 36109, enters his seventh year in the ministry of full time evangelism and his twenty-fifth year in the ministry of the gospel beginning January 5, 1981.

Robert A. Hutcherson ('65) received an Army Meritorious Service Medal on December 12, 1980 for exceptionally outstanding service while serving as Assistant Division Chaplain, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He was reassigned to U.S. Army Chaplain School, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey on January 5, 1981.

1970's

John Cockrell ('76) has resigned as pastor of Unity and North Union churches in Attala County in order to enter Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Sharon Wilson (-78) who served as minister of youth at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson,

during the summer, has resigned to enter a fulltime ministry of ventriloquism. She is the daughter of Paul Wilson, pastor of Central Church, Brookhaven. Her ministry is designed for all ages; those interested in using her and her friend "Rickey" in special services may contact her at 601-833-7076 or by letter at 1101 North Jackson St., Brookhaven, MS 39601.

Dr. Robert (Rocky) Crocker ('73) and **Belva Booker Crocker** ('73) announce the birth of their daughter Jennifer Lynn. She was born October 15, 1980. Rocky is doing a family practice residency at Erlanger Hospital. Their address is 3535 Mt. Creek Rd. No. 206, Chattanooga, TN 39415.

Jerry and Debbie Ladner Bryant ('72) announce the arrival of a baby girl, Julie Rebecca, born February 9, 1980, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces. Jerry received his BS degree at USM in 1978. Debbie is a LPN attending USM School of Nursing.

Marilyn Allen Johnston ('70), 309 Stonegate Dr., Clinton, MS and **John R. Johnston** announce the birth of a son, Stephen Riley, in April, 1980. Sharon Rebecca welcomed her brother. John is an engineer for South Central Bell.

Mike Gatewood ('76) and **Nancy Fortenberry** married recently. They are living in Petal. Nancy is working as Speech Therapist at Ellisville State School.

David and Linda ('79) **Lofton** announce the arrival of Katie Lyn on July 2, 1980.

Steve and Tammy Mooneyham ('79) announce the arrival of son Nathan James on May 19, 1980.

Frank E. Blackwells ('70), 1516 Hawthorne Place, Clinton, announce the addition of a son, Brian, born February 24, 1979.

Ricky ('74) and **Beverly Pennebaker** of Florence announce the arrival of their first child, Joshua Carr, on March 20, 1980.

Pamela (Crawford) Cantrell ('73) and **William Robert Cantrell** announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on February 25, 1980.

Randy L. Beasley ('76) and **Kae (Lint) Beasley** ('76) announce the birth of their first daughter Renae Kathryn, February 23, 1980. They reside at 2826 Reford Drive, Owensboro, KY 42301.

Pam Roark ('75) **Cockrell** and **John Cockrell** ('76) announce the birth of a son Patrick Shane, born March 17, 1980. He is welcomed by a brother, Chadwick Neal who is three years old.

Jennifer Higgins Nickel, with her husband **Patrick** and son John Charles, are now in Mannheim, Germany. Patrick is a 2nd Lt. and Jennifer is Registrar/Director of Public Relations for the City College of Chicago Mannheim Campus.

Jeannette Camp Bates and **Judy Moore**, 1974 graduates of Clarke, spent a ten day Easter vacation together in Hawaii in 1980. Jeannette presently teaches Kindergarten in Grand Bay, Alabama and Judy is a first grade teacher in Kenai, Alaska.

Gordon Cowan ('79) is the new pastor of Spring Hill Church, Marshall County. He and his wife Ellen have 6 children.

Netta Richardson Boudreaux ('73) and **Charles A. Boudreaux, Jr.** ('73) are living in Louisiana. Charles is enrolled in the doctoral program at the seminary while Netta continues her consultant work at Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Hospital. Their address is 1108 Barataria Blvd., Marrera, LA 70072.

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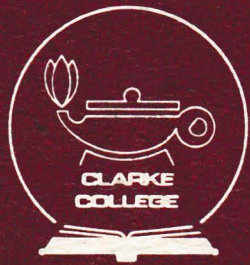
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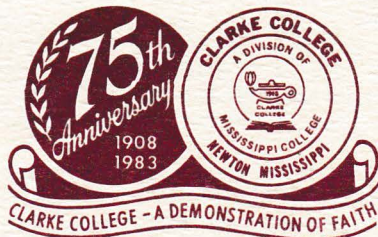
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FALL 1982

75 YEARS - A DEMONSTRATION OF FAITH



1983 marks a distinct year for Clarke College: 75 years of Christian Education in Mississippi. On September 23, 1908, Clarke first opened her doors to students under the auspices of the Baptist General Association of Mississippi. Thus, she becomes the only state Baptist college founded by an organized Baptist body.

Considering the economic conditions of the time - average pay was \$.75 per day in Mississippi - establishing a Baptist college in a rural area of the state was a bold leap of faith. At the first historical "encampment" at Blue Mountain in 1906 Dr. W.T. Lowery, then President of Mississippi College, delivered the need for Christian Education in Mississippi. W.B. Sansing, editor of the *Mississippi Baptist*, published the speech and the movement soon gained momentum across the state.

This growing concern, coupled with the recent death of the beloved N.L. Clarke of Newton County so touched the hearts of area Baptists, that the dream of a Baptist college named in honor of N.L. Clarke was born.

Nor was the college's namesake chosen lightly. Born in North Carolina in 1812, Bro. Clarke moved to Mississippi early in his life. He served as a missionary with the confederate army during the Civil War. He pastored many churches in the area, received 2,500 converts into the church, baptised over 1600, was at the bedside of over 500 in death, organized 25 churches, performed 3000 marriages and a like number of funerals. He was largely responsible for fueling the fires of Christian education in the area, and

so it was proper that in his death a Baptist college was born.

After fierce competition between a half dozen towns, Newton was chosen as the site and on September 22, 1908, the college opened her doors with an enrollment of 104.

From that very first year there were difficulties, even desperate, times. Shortly after noon on January 13, 1909, fire broke out in the men's dormitory. Newton firemen rushed to the scene only to discover they lacked 1000 feet of hose to reach the building. They watched as the dormitory crumpled and fell.

This first large disaster seemed to set the precedent for many catastrophes to come, for the only thing that was damaged was the building itself. The spirit of faculty, students and friends was strengthened as they rallied to build anew.

Financial difficulties arose, and yet the enrollment hovered around the 200 mark and in 1913 the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to include Clarke as one of their denominational colleges.

Still, financial insecurity threatened to be the ruin of Clarke College. Through faith in God, trust in the basic honesty of students and parents, and "innovative" financing Clarke was able to continue. M.O. Patterson as president introduced the "Buy a Bale" program and admitted students who could provide two bales of cotton. More than once livestock was accepted for payment on tuition.

There was a rapid turnover in administration during these lean years (nine presidents from 1908-1929) and adversity was a way of life. But Clarke continued to do what she has always done - carry on.

By the early 1930's many felt that the college should be closed, and indeed, the convention voted to do that very thing. They had, however, misjudged the tenacity and determination of Clarke supporters.

Since no buyer for the school could be found, a group of Christian business

men formed a holding company and were allowed to lease the college for a period of five years for \$1.00 per year. Clarke carried on.

Enter John F. Carter. Dr. Carter was already a legend by the time he accepted the presidency of Clarke College in 1930. Indeed, he had been a faculty member since 1919 and had served as President once before. Throughout the turmoil of the Great Depression, Dr. Carter served as a faithful shepherd, ever conscious of the sustaining force of God in the life of this little college. Until his death in 1981 he maintained a close relationship to Clarke.

The city of Newton, realizing the valuable asset they held in the college, came to the rescue time again as aid was needed. The college doggedly held to its principles and silenced those who said the college could not survive by continuing to carry on.

In 1945 the Mississippi Baptist Convention reclaimed Clarke and the college has operated under its controls since that time. Sustained leadership was provided as W.E. Greene and his successor, W.L. Compere, served for ten and twenty-two years respectively as President.

Still, Clarke College carries on. The recent merger with Mississippi College has brought change, but change that has not touched the heart of the purpose of Clarke. Lewis Nobles, President of Mississippi College, recently told a group of Clarke alumni, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools doesn't quiet know how to take the Mississippi College-Clarke merger. In times past the larger shcool would obscure the smaller one, and yet we have insisted that we will maintain the separateness and identity of Clarke College. While we have legally merger, Clarke will continue to sperate in and of itself." He went on to say that "Clarke will continue to recruit and attract students seeking liberal arts education from the Christian perspective, especially those who seek training in church related vocations. Should students want to stay for two more years of Mississippi College sponsored upper division work, we will provide this in a number of areas."

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Commentary From Academia

By Gary N. Garner, Ph.D.

Fall enrollment at Clarke College maintains the general level of the previous two years. The addition of the senior year for Mississippi College at Clarke students helped raise the number of junior and senior level students to 63. The overall enrollment is 214, which marks the third year in a row it surpassed the 200 level. The predictions that the addition of third and fourth year programs continue to be verified in this year's enrollment picture. Also, the addition of women's varsity basketball contributed significantly to this year's enrollment.

There have been some adjustments in faculty to meet current needs. A part-time faculty position in secretarial science was decreased to an adjunct status and one of the four fulltime positions in music was eliminated. These type changes were offset with additions and increases in other areas. For instance, there was the addition of Mr. Ted Wilson at the Master's degree level in science, which replaced some adjunct staffing as well as picked up part of the teaching load that was left from the shift of Dr. Mary Jayne Myers from full-time to part-time at her request. Also, a part-time position in physical education has been upgraded to full-time.

Clarke College offers for the first time this fall introductory computer science courses. They have been well received. A second year level will be added next year.

This second year of the association with Mississippi College continues to strengthen the service Clarke College renders to Christian education.



BSU REPORT

Several Clarke students returned in the fall from a summer filled with challenge and excitement. They had experienced life as BSU "summer missionaries." The hours were long and the pay very low, but without exception participants felt the rewards were great. Serving from Clarke were Jim Twilbeck (South Carolina), Johnathan Riley (Louisiana), Dianna Derrick (Michigan), Paula Frasier (New York), Willie Ray Hodges (Louisiana), Mr. and Mrs. Tony Higginbotham (Florida) Calvin Couch (Gulfshore Baptist Assembly), Billy Crowe (Central Hills Baptist Assembly), Laura Jo Wedgeworth) and Jackie Sissons (Camp Garaywa).

As the semester progressed the BSU planned their annual retreat at Camp Lake Forest, Macon, for August 27-29. The many participants found there a special time which drew students closer to the Lord and to each other.

The week of October 4-7 was declared Missions Emphasis Week at Clarke. John and Jean Jacobs served as leaders for the week. The Jacobs, who met on the Clarke campus, later returned as faculty and staff members, and served on the mission field for many years, were on furlough from their recent assignment in Trinidad. John spoke of how the Lord spoke to him as a young man and directed his life toward Clarke College and later the mission field. Jean told of many of their experiences in Trinidad and how the people there who commit to Christ must

many times give up family and friends. Throughout the week the Jacobs were able to be guests in local churches and service clubs in the area.

November was proclaimed as "Love Is ..." month at Clarke. During the first week students wrote letters to others expressing Christian love and friendship. Week two was "do a favor week" Following this "Prayer week was held, when students said special prayers for fellow students. The Thanksgiving week was a week to praise the Lord by giving thanks. A week of commitment capped the month when James Spencer alumnus and former faculty member, led students and faculty in services.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowery Compere led students on November 24 in a special mission service to "initiate" the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering season. Dr. and Mrs. Compere perhaps best represent the spirit and aims of missions as they continue to support foreign missions in a variety of ways.

The Lottie Moon goal has been set at \$1,000 to be raised strictly by the faculty and students at Clarke. On Wednesday, December 8, after church students will hold a variety show for Lottie Moon and then gather at the women's dormitory for the traditional lighting of the Lottie Moon Star. For many the lighting of the star will remain throughout life as the essence of missions giving.

75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE SETS PLANS 1908-1983 75 YEARS

The 75th Anniversary Committee has been formed and is working to make 1983 a special year in the life of Clarke. Basic plans have been made for two events on campus. April 16, 1983, will be our annual Alumni Homecoming and will serve as a "kick off" to our Diamond Jubilee. Class reunions, activities, spiritual renewal services are planned. You can help by making a commitment to attend!

On September 17, 1983, we will have our 75th Anniversary Celebration.

This will be one of the biggest days in the history of Clarke College. There will be simultaneous class reunions for as many classes as possible, local and state dignitaries, a 7.5 kilometer race, golf tournament, barbecue, entertainment, activities for children - and you! Please mark your calendar now to attend. We need you here on April 16 and September 17 and no one can take your place.

The 75th Anniversary of Clarke is

also a great time to make an additional commitment to Clarke by providing us with the name of a young person from your area who is or is approaching college age. Our admissions staff will make sure that this student gets the royal treatment, including a campus tour, conference with a faculty advisor, class sessions, and conference with our Financial Aid Director. Clarke depends on you for our students and for 75 years you haven't let us down. Let's make this a record year!



KNEELING: Carolyn Miller, Elaine English, Tina Henderson, Kathy Smith, Faye Falvey, Donna Poole, Ann Adkins. **STANDING:** Kathy Sartain, manager; Denise Arrington, Laura Smith, Coach Tom Prather, Tamber Proctor, trainer; Ricky Dorsett, Assistant Student Coach; Sandra Cooks, Shellee Moore, Vivian Banks, manager.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 1	Meridian J.C.	M&W	Meridian	6:30
Nov. 4	Prentiss J.C.	M&W	Home	6:30
Nov. 8	Southwest J.C.	M&W	Home	6:30
Nov. 11	Coahoma J.C.	W	Clarksdale	6:00
Nov. 13	Landmark College	M	Home	7:00
Nov. 15	Meridian J.C.	M&W	Home	6:30
Nov. 19	Holmes J.C.	M&W	Goodman	6:00
Nov. 22-23	East Central Tour.	M	Decatur	
Dec. 3	Blue Mountain Col.	W	Home	7:00
Dec. 4	Holmes J.C.	M&W	Home	7:00
Dec. 9	Jones J.C.	M&W	Ellisville	6:30
Dec. 11	LSU-Alexandria	M&W	Union	4:00
Dec. 17-18	Brewer State Classic	M	Fayette, Al.	
Jan. 8	Pensacola Christain	M	Home	3:00
Jan. 10	Prentiss J.C.	M&W	Prentiss	6:30
Jan. 11	East Miss. J.C.	M&W	Scobba	6:00
Jan. 15	Jones J.C.	M&W	Home	6:30
Jan. 17	Mary Holmes College	M&W	West Point	6:30
Jan. 18	East Central J.C.	M&W	Decatur	6:30
Jan. 22	Coahoma J.C.	W	Home	6:30
Jan. 24	Delgado J.C.	M	Home	8:00
Jan. 28	Southwest J.C.	M&W	Summit	6:00
Jan. 29	Co-Lin J.C.	M&W	Wesson	6:00
Jan. 29	LSU-Alexandria	M&W	Alexandria, La.	6:00
Feb. 3	Mary Holmes College	M&W	Home	6:30
Feb. 5	Pensacola Christain	M	Pensacola, Fl.	7:00
Feb. 10	East Central J.C.	M&W	Home	6:30
Feb. 12	East Miss. J.C.	M&W	Home	2:00
Feb. 17	Delgado J.C.	M	New Orleans, LA.	7:00
Feb. 21	Blue Mountain Col.	W	Blue Mountain	7:00

All home games (except December 11) will be played at the Newton High School Gym.

NEWSMAKERS

Mike Sandlin, new physical education instructor at Clarke, placed 135 out of 16,000 runners at the recent New York Marathon. Sandlin, a veteran of over 30 marathons, has run the Boston Marathon four times finishing 99th in 1982. At Clarke he teaches Physical Education, serves as SBA sponsor and directs the Recreational and Intramural Sports program. Sandlin holds the B.S.

The 1983 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Jr. Colleges will carry the names of seven students from Clarke College, Newton, who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Students named this year from Clarke College are: Mr. Larry Chou-

ccoli, Leland; Mr. C. Randall Creel, Conehatta; Mr. Larry Wesley Haggard, Macon; Ms. Marilyn Jean Phillips, Del Ciy, Oklahoma, formerly of Forest; Ms. Kathy L. Sartain, Decatur; Mr. Jim Kervin Spell, Columbia and Mr. Michael Gene Waldrup, Walls.

Dr. Patricia Kirby, Chairman of the Education Department at Clarke College, attended International Reading Association's Southeastern Regional Conference in Biloxi, Nov. 3-5. She presented a paper entitled "Parents as Partners: The School Volunteer Program" and presided over a meeting of Mississippi College and University Reading Educators (MCURE), a new Special Interest Council of IRA of which she is President. She also hosted a presentation on Thursday and served as co-chairman for the book and Author Luncheon and autographing session on Friday.

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ALUMNI HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Clarke alumni met at the Sun and Sand Restaurant for an evening meal and meeting on November 8 during the annual MBC Convention. Mrs. Evelyn Williams, Director of Financial Aid and Alumni Affairs, presided. Dr. Gordon Sansing led in a moment of testimony and devotion and recalled many of his experiences at Clarke. After special music by Glen Shows ('70) the fifty or so participants introduced themselves to the group and most had a word to say about what Clarke meant to them. Certainly, at a Baptist Convention one would not expect total agreement on any issue; however, all alumni present agreed - the Lord had used Clarke College to make a difference in their lives.

Dr. Lewis Nobles then gave a brief summary of his philosophy of education at Clarke. He stated that the primary goal was to strengthen Clarke on the freshman and sophomore level and to sharply emphasize the training of young people for Christian vocations. Upper division work will continue to be offered based on demand. Nobles stressed, "The identity of Clarke must be kept in tact. The college has built her reputation on her own identity as a very special kind of college and this will be strengthened and defined through as a result of the MC-Clarke merger."

President Nobles responded to questions by alumni. Several questions dealt with students recruitment and Nobles related how the merger had provided computer capabilities for Clarke admissions and in the near future, financial aid.

Responding to a question by another alumnus, he stated that records, accounting procedures, etc had been changed to a system that parallels Mississippi College's, but everything is kept entirely separate.

Nobles stressed that the number one priority at Clarke College is to reach students. He encouraged all alumni to continue to pray for the college and direct young people to her doors.

ALUMNI NEWS

75 YEARS . . . Cont. From Page 1

Frank and Angel Davis Nix ('79) announce the birth of their first child, Kimberly Anne on May 12, 1982. Kimberly weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. at birth. Frank is a Mississippi College senior on the Clarke Campus majoring in music and Director of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church, Morton. Frank, Angel, and Kimberly live at 141 7th Avenue, Morton, Mississippi 39117.

Dan and Bobbye Winstead ('70) Wynn announce the arrival of Daniel Ashley on July 13, 1982. Their address is 108 Rollingwood, Natchez, Mississippi 39120.

Brad Hodges ('76) has been called as pastor to Chesterville Baptist Church in Lee Association.

Randy Leslie ('78) has been called as Minister of Children and Youth at First Baptist Church, Eudora.

Joanie Hyatt Lyon ('76) and husband, David, announce the birth of a son, Jason Christopher, March 13, 1982.

Benny ('72) and Wina King ('73) Still of Fernwood announce the birth 7 lbs. 14 oz. son Eric Clayton on November 28, 1981. A 7 year old brother, Geoffrey Lane, also welcomes the baby. Benny is currently serving as counselor for Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Education, State of Mississippi and as Music and Youth Director of Fernwood Baptist Church. Their address is P.O. Box 149, Fernwood, Mississippi 39635.

Terri Lynn Pigott ('77) became the bride of John Thomas Forrester August 7 at Parkway Baptist Church Natchez.

Perry Neal ('61) is now in his eighth year of full-time evangelism. He may be contacted for revivals by writing to him at: 4418 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36109

Henry Adams ('65) has accepted the position as Associational Missionary for Leake County as of January 1, 1982. He formerly was the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Newton.

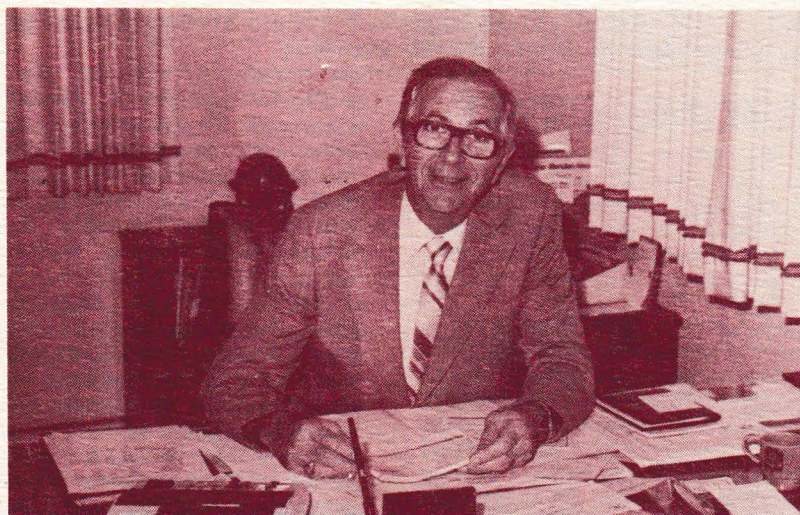
Chinyere Onwibuko ('74) and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, Chinwendu, born August 8, 1982. Chinyere teaches in the Engineering Technology Department at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Rocky and Belva Crocker ('73) have moved to Brandon where Rocky is in family practice near the reservoir. They are working on a 10 year reunion for the class of '73 to be held April 16, 1983 at Clarke. Please contact them for details. Their address is 203 Magnolia Trail, Brandon, MS. 39042.

Nobles responded that "Endowment, accounting procedures, and fund raising are kept entirely separate." He closed by encouraging alumni to renew their commitment to Clarke College by directing Christian young people to the college.

New programs have been added, including men's and women's intercollegiate basketball, to round out the offerings of extracurricular activities. Existing programs have been strengthened with new doctorate level faculty.

While we cannot possibly know what the future holds for Christian education, we do know that for nearly 75 years Clarke College has braved fire, financial difficulties, war, loss of support from her constituency, and depression. Clarke has truly been a demonstration of faith and with God's help she will continue.



VALENTINE SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The Herbert Valentine Scholarship was recently established by Mrs. Herbert Valentine of Newton. The scholarship is to be awarded each year to a sophomore student majoring in music, reflecting the life long interest of Mr. Valentine in Church Music. Mr. Valen-

tine served as business manager at Clarke from 1960 until his death in 1981. His wife, Kelton, remains on the Clarke College staff, while his daughter Mrs. Allison F. (Jackie) Moody resides in Natchez and his son, David, is a law student at the University of Mississippi



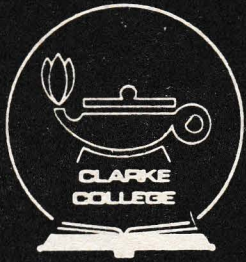
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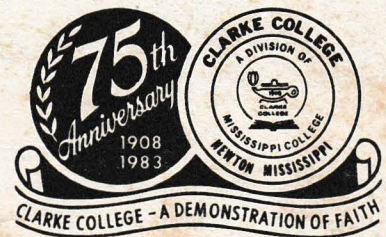
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LOTT FINE ARTS BUILDING was the setting for the Clarke College 75th Anniversary Celebration on September 17, 1983. The theme, "A Demonstration of Faith" was very much demonstrated as many alumni and guests attending.



75 YEARS - A DEMONSTRATION OF FAITH

What a wonderful day was experienced by who attended the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Clarke College on Saturday, September 17, 1983. Over 300 alumni, friends and students of Clarke were in attendance to enjoy the festivities of the day. Two hundred or more of these were alumni.

Guests began registering at 8:30 a.m. in the Lott Fine Arts Building. A reception was held at this time to introduce to the group the college administrators. In the receiving line were Dr. & Mrs. W. L. Compere, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Nobles, President of Clarke and Mississippi College, Dr. Joe Tuten, Chairman of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Dr.

James Yates, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Charles Martin, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mississippi College and Dr. Ron Kirkland Academic Dean at Clarke.

The program for the 75th Anniversary Celebration began at 9:30 a.m. in the recital hall of the Lott Fine Arts Building. The official welcome was given by Evelyn Williams, Director of Alumni Affairs and also the recognition of the alumni by decades.

Dr. Lewis Nobles gave special recognition to individuals and groups that had made contributions to the college.

75 YEARS . . .

(Continued from page 1)

Dr. John T. Carter, son of the late John Carter, former President and faculty member at Clarke, gave the alumni response. He encouraged the alumni to show greater support of the college and to plan for the future by supporting the programs and services of Clarke today.

The congregation singing was led by S. W. Valentine, an associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. Mr. Valentine led the choir at Clarke on a volunteer basis when he attended here in 1945-46.

"The Spirit of Clarke College: A demonstration of Faith" was the topic of the presentation given by Dr. James Read, Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at Clarke. He stressed that the uniqueness of Clarke can be attributed to the concern of the College for the development of the total individual. He stated that the aim of the college is to provide an atmosphere where a student can reach his or her potential intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.

Following Dr. Read's address the Trailsmen provided special music. This group had made several record albums and had been much in demand as a gospel group during the years they were students at Clarke. The

Trailsmen had not sung together since this time. They are Jimmy Knight, an evangelist from Laurel; Graham Boutwell, a teacher from Fort Walton Beach, FL; Ronnie Cottingham, Music Evangelist from Agricola; Randy Whitlock, a pastor from Collins; and Benny Still, a church musician from Woodville.

A reflection on the past and a look to the future of Clarke was shared by Dr. Ron Kirkland. A moment of silent prayer was observed for those who had helped establish Clarke and kept it alive through many tough years. Dr. Kirkland confidently assured the group of the plans to construct a new student center and announced a pledge of \$25,000.00 that had already been made. He challenged the alumni to lend support, both financially and as good will ambassadors from the College.

Clark Adams, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, led a 50 plus member alumni choir in the HALLELUJAH CHORUS from HANDEL'S MESSIAH that gave a perfect ending to a wonderful celebration.

After lunch, alumni met together for a singspiration service and then divided into groups to hold class meetings. At these meetings many ideas were shared of projects that alumni will be raising funds to carry out.

ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The Clarke College Alumni Association will have its Fellowship Dinner at Convention time on Monday, November 14, at 5:30 P.M. at the Sun-N-Sand Motor Hotel, 401 North Lamar. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per person.

This location is near enough to First Baptist Church that one will be able to walk from the Convention meeting. We met in this same location at our meeting last year and everyone seem to really enjoy the facility.

We will need to know the number of people that will be attending this supper as we have to pay for those plates not used. If you are planning to attend this meeting, please call us collect at 683-2063 and let us know of your plans. If you live in the Jackson area you may call the Mississippi College number (924-5131) and ask for extension 321. This will give you the Clarke office and will not be a collect call. We will need to know a total by Friday, November 11 at 4:30 P.M.

We look forward to having many of you there to hear of the great happenings at Clarke and the future plans that are underway. See you there!



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Honoring The
Former and Present
Faculty and Staff
At Clarke College
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At The
J. Elliott McMullan Library



ALUMNI NEWS

1960's

Joann Kneitel ('66) was married to Lesley Williford on June 25, 1983. Joann received her Master's Degree from Troy State in 1980 and is currently teaching Physical Education at Brewton Middle School in Brewton, AL. Her new address is 104 Mayo Street, East Brewton, AL 36426.

1970's

Charles ('72) and Edwina (King) ('73) have just moved to Woodville, MS where Benny is serving as Minister of Music & Youth at First Baptist Church, Woodville. Edwina is a student at Southwest Miss. Junior College, Summit, MS.

Charles and Nita (Richardson) Boudreaux, Jr. ('73) are residing in Ocean Springs, MS. Charles is serving as BSU Director of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College and was voted as Outstanding Young Man of America this year. He is in the process of completing work on his doctoral program in Education. Nita is a Registered Nurse and is serving as Patient Education Coordinator at Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula. They have one daughter, Christy Michelle, age two.

Bryan ('74) and Mary (Bryant) ('79) Burt announce the arrival of a son, David Brandon, on July 9, 1983. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. Bryan is serving as teacher/coach at Brandon Academy and Mary is Assistant to Public Relations at Mississippi College.

They reside at Pinetrails Apartments, K-4 in Clinton.

David Valentine ('76) was recently honored at the Law Awards Day activities at the University of Mississippi. David was awarded the Dennis & Company, Inc. Publishers Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the Moot Court Program and served as appellate chairman in 1982. In May, 1983, David graduated from the Law School and became an associate with Oxford Law firm of Omar Craig.

Keith ('77) and Barbara (Tillotson) ('76) Bennett announce the arrival of a son, Joshua Keith, born February 25, 1983. Keith is Minister of Music and Youth at Dixie Baptist Church, Hattiesburg and Barbara is a full time homemaker. Their address is Route 3, Box 54, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

1980's

Tommy and Alecia (Smith) Scott ('81) announce the arrival of a daughter, Lane, on March 16, 1983. Tommy is employed with Bank of Quitman and Alecia is secretary at Quitman Elementary School.

Keith and Cindy ('81) Benton announce the arrival of a son, Richard Bryant, born on June 19, 1983. Keith and Cindy are living in Jackson where Cindy is employed with World of Learning.

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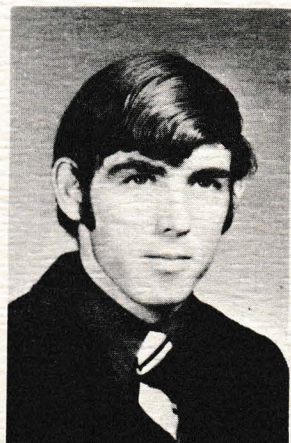
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JERRY BRYANT



STEPHEN BLAND

IN THE LINE OF DUTY

For the most part, we take for granted the safety and comfort that surrounds us in our day to day activities. There may be an impatient moment at a red light, or an occasional skirmish with a store clerk, but we learn to deal with these things. If things become too difficult for us, we retreat for a few moments of quiet and solitude, perhaps read the latest article on "stress management" and try to regain our sense of comfort. But, as they say, life goes on.

It takes a real tragedy to shake up from our self-centered existence and force us to see that for many, the routine activities of the day never guarantee that life will in fact, go on.

Two Clarke graduates recently died in unrelated incidents in the course of their regular daily activities. They died not through neglect or carelessness or even accident. Each confronted his day in a routine way and when that day was over, each had surrendered his life in the line of duty.

Stephen Bland was a student at Clarke College in 1978-79. He was a quiet student who enjoyed life and found many friends here. Following the school year, he volunteered for service with the United States Marine Corps. Steve, who was known as "Tex" at Clarke, left the college without a fanfare, much in the way he had entered the year before. In late October of this year, he died at the hands of terrorists in Lebanon. Steve was the only Mississippian who gave his life in the bombing that cost the lives of over 200 of his fellow soldiers.

In February, the college sponsored a special memorial service for him. The honorable G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery represented the government of the state and nation in the services. An honor guard from the U. S. Marines took part and solemnly raised the flag of our country as we pledged our allegiance to it. None of us present could claim to have made a sacrifice for our country as did this quiet student from Mathiston, for in the course of his regular duty, he had been called upon to pay the ultimate price for freedom. As Representative Montgomery presented to our Student Body President a flag in Steve Bland's memory, we all felt, all knew, that he had not died in vain. We knew at that moment that freedom carries with it a painful and expensive price.

The price of freedom cannot be bought with money. It must be paid in the lives of those who have chosen as their life to protect our land. That price is paid in far away lands like Vietnam, or Lebanon, or Korea. But the price is also paid here at home.

Jerry Bryant was a student at Clarke from 1970-72. Like Steve, Jerry was a quiet, unassuming young man who enjoyed life at Clarke College. I am proud that I was able to get to know him.

We were not close friends in one sense of the word, but if you are an alumnus of Clarke, you know that in this place, everyone becomes close.

Jerry spent most of his life before Clarke in the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. I know now that Jerry must have faced many barriers both financial and personal, as he attended our college. I never once heard him complain or saw him feel sorry for himself because life had not dealt him the advantages that most of us take for granted.

After Jerry finished Clarke he earned a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Southern Mississippi. He married Debbra Ladner, also a Clarke graduate and they had two children "Julie" Rebecca and Katherine "Katie" Leah. "Julie" is four years old; "Katie" is two. Jerry and his family were active in the Bunker Hill Baptist Church where Jerry served on the activities committee and worked with the young people.

On January 5, 1984, Jerry was shot to death while working with the Marion County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy. In the line of duty, he had stopped two suspects to question them in connection with the burglarization of several homes in the area. As most of us looked forward to the new year, life ended for this young father.

Jerry was buried with full law enforcement Honors and received the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor. Once again, the price of freedom and safety in our land was paid in the line of duty.

Recently after Jerry's death, his wife Debbie sent a copy of a testimony he had given at a lay renewal in November. The testimony left no doubt as to where Jerry is at this very moment. It was a testimony filled with thanksgiving for the blessings God had given him and ended by stating "I just thank God for the love he has given us and for forgiving us for our sins. I am proud to say I am a Christian..."



From left to right: U. S. Marine SGT. Adams, Mrs. Rosa Bland and Honorable G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery.

I am proud and feel honored to share the common bond of Christianity with my friends Jerry Bryant and Steve Bland. Clarke College was blessed to have had them for a short while. Their memory will be forever engraved here. Whenever I see the flag fly, or see our law enforcement officers circle this tree lined driveway, I will remember that two very special men from this little college on the hill paid a dear price for all of us.

---Dow Ford

The CLASS OF 1975 is making preparation for their class reunion to be held at Clarke, April 13, 1985. For more information please contact Mrs. Melany Fortenberry, 409 South Meridian, Aberdeen, MS 39730. Her phone number is 601 369-9434.

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Reunion

REUNION - CLASS OF 1974

The class of 1974, will be holding its 10 year reunion on Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14.

On Friday night, the class will meet at 6:00 P. M. at the administration building to travel to "The Back 40" for seafood and fellowship.

On Saturday, there will be class meetings, a luncheon, and more fellowship.

A special invitation is issued to the members of the classes of 1973 and 1975.

IN MEMORIAM

On November 28, 1983, Wanda Benefield Laton died peacefully in her parents' home in Pensacola, Florida. Wanda, 30, was a student at Clarke in 1972-73 and 1973-74.

She is survived by her husband, Larry, her parents, Rev. and Mrs. James Benefield, and three sisters: Starr Arthur, Gretta Ford, and Phyllis Whitlock, all of whom attended Clarke. Reverend Wesley Pitts, pastor of FBC McKenzie, Tennessee, officiated at the funeral. Rev. Pitts read passages from Wanda's bible which she had requested to be used at her death. Special music was provided as Wanda's mother and sisters sang two songs.

Wanda was born with a heart defect and was not expected to live past infancy. Through the Lord's grace and with a fierce determination, she not only survived past their predictions, but lived in such a way that none who knew her could ignore her contagious love of life. She faced each day with a quiet faith that produced deep peace in the many pain-filled months before her death.



ALUMNI HOMECOMING

APRIL 14, 1984

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Alum News

1950's

George G. Aultman ('50) has accepted the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, MS.

1960's

Wesley Pitts ('64) has accepted the call as pastor of First Baptist Church, McKenzie, TN.

Darryl Petry ('65) is serving as Minister of Music and Youth at Second Avenue Baptist Church, Indianola, MS.

Dorothy Curan ('66) was married on October 1, to Rev. Olyn F. Roberts, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Lauderdale County.

Rexie Kirk ('66) and Jim Mann were recently married. Jim is a carpet salesman and they reside at Route 4, Box 230-A, Oxford, MS 38655.

Hugh Poole ('66) is directing the Department of Pastoral Care at Rush Hospital in Meridian. In this position, he is serving as chaplain of the hospital in Meridian as well as the affiliates in Newton, York and Butler, AL.

1970's

Dan & Libby Panter ('71) have resigned from missionary service and may be addressed at Roseland Baptist Church, Box 217, Roseland, LA 70456. He is serving as pastor of Roseland Church.

Thomas Hilyer ('74) is serving as Minister of Education and Youth at 38th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, MS.

Paula Smith ('74) has accepted the position as Minister of Education and Youth, First Baptist Church, Flowood.

Buel (Bill) Patton ('76) has become the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Desoto County.

Brenda ('78, Bradford) and Randy ('79) Makemson are the proud parents of a son, Jason Randall, born October 4, 1983. Randy is pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church in Camden, MS. Their address is Route 9, Box 390-A, Philadelphia, MS 39350.

1980's

Cecil R. Jones ('80) is serving as mission pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Mission in Spring Hill, KS.

Barbara ('81, Odom) and Eric Mitchell are the proud parents of a daughter, Tiffany Dawn born February 19, 1984. She weighed 8 lbs and 3½ oz. Eric is attending Mississippi College at the Clarke campus.

Kelly Barnett ('82) has been called to pastor the Beech Grove Baptist Church in Union Association.

Nancy Abel ('83) is serving as Clerk Typist at the University Hospital of Jacksonville, FL. She resides at 272 Arora Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32073.

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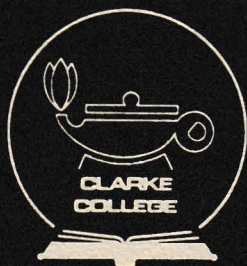


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Fall 1986

Alumni Homecoming and Preview Day

The annual alumni Homecoming Day has been changed to Saturday, November 22, 1986. This will also be our Admissions High School Preview Day. In the past, these two days were held at the same time and gave alumni an opportunity to bring prospects with them. We are doing this again this year and trust that you will bring students from your area to visit Clarke College. The following is a schedule of the day's activities:

Registration..... 9:30 a.m.
Campus tours..... 10:00-11:00
Program..... 11:00-12:00
Lunch, on your own..... 12:00-1:00
Basketball game..... 2:00
Homecoming Court..... Halftime

There will be an alumni choir made up of former choir members or anyone who would like to sing. Practice will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Choral room of the Fine Arts Building.

During the program, various groups, organizations and individuals will be recognized for their participation in and contributions to Clarke College. Among those to be acknowledged will be past presidents of the organizations, Mr. and Miss Clarke College, pageant queens, homecoming queens, and athletes. This is the final notice regarding alumni day. A form has been provided for you to let us know if you plan to attend.

*A great place
to be
somebody!*



A Word from the Dean . . .

In August, 1986, Clarke College began its 78th session and its 6th session as a division of Mississippi College. In this Special Report, we will seek to relate to you some of the recent changes that have occurred at Clarke College in enrollment, faculty and administration and some of the factors that make Clarke College unique.

Enrollment

For the fall of 1985 our enrolment was as follows:

Clarke.....	121
M.C. at Clarke.....	43
Special.....	36

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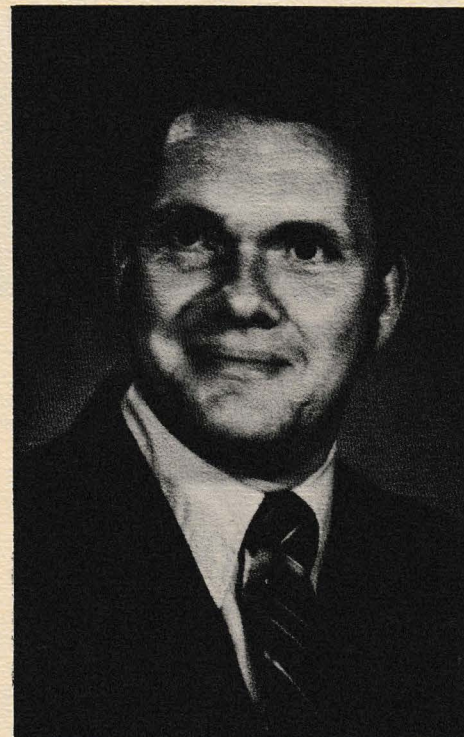
Clarke.....	127
M.C. at Clarke.....	52
Special.....	14

As you can see from these enrollment figures, our enrollment is up significantly in full-time and part-time students from last fall. We have reason to believe that this is the beginning of a trend in an in-

creasing number of full-time and part-time students. We already know 16 new students registered to enroll in the spring semester.

We believe that we can be justly proud of Clarke College and of the impact that it has had over the last nearly eighty years on our denomination here in our State, in our Nation and around the world. We thank you for your past support, and we pledge to you that Clarke College will continue to make its unique contribution to Baptist higher education with your continued support through the Cooperative Program and through the new Mississippi Mission, through which contributions can be made to Clarke College. With your continued support, we can look to the future eagerly anticipating the challenges that face Christian high education in America, challenges which Clarke College has always been up to facing in our history through the direction of the Holy Spirit.

James C. Read



James C. Read
Academic Dean

S.A.C.S. Self Study

This academic year Clark College will be visited by a committee from the Southern Association of College Schools as part of the process of gaining re-accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The bulk of the work on the self study has been done. The visiting committee, chaired by Dr. Frank Lowe, Jr., of Chowan College, will be on the Clarke campus in April, 1987. The re-accreditation process is to re-accredit the associate of arts degree programs on our campus.

The self-study process is a laborious one, but its intrinsic rewards are in the fact that we are forced to take a long hard look at ourselves to see if we are succeeding in doing what we say we are doing in our statement of institutional purpose and objectives.

A strong case can be made for saying that Clarke College has been successful in doing what it says it does from the results of questionnaires administered to students and alumni as a part of the self study process during the spring semester

Of the 94 students who filled out the questionnaire, 47 strongly agreed with the statement that Clarke College had a distinctly Christian atmosphere and 49 students strongly agreed with the statement that Clarke College faculty and staff were committed to providing opportunities for mental, physical, emotion and spiritual development of each student in preparation for their chosen vocation. Of the 73 alumni who filled out the questionnaire, 38 strongly agreed with the statement that apart from financial rewards, their attendance at Clarke College greatly improved the quality of their lives. These results clearly show us that Clarke College is doing the right things, so what we need to do is to simply improve the quality of our existing programs and increase our enrollment in these programs.

Administration

July and August saw major changes in the administration at Clarke College.

Dr. Ron Kirkland resigned as Academic Dean to return to the First Baptist Church in Batesville, Mississippi. Dr. Kirkland was succeeded by Dr. Jim Read who has served as Chairman of the Division of Natural and Social Sciences and instructor in History and Political Science at Clarke since 1980.

Also, in August, Mr. J. Dow Ford, Director of Admissions and Public Relations resigned his position at Clarke to accept the position of Director of Admissions at Pearl River Junior College. Mr. Ford's position is still vacant, but we hope to have his position filled by mid-academic year.

Faculty

In August, 1986, Clarke College began a new academic year with some significant changes in the faculty.

Rejoining our faculty this year is Dr. Mary Jayne Myers, who will chair the Division of Elementary Education. Dr. Myers' experience in elementary education and her academic preparation will again prove invaluable in directing our elementary education program and in increasing our offerings in nursing education.

Dr. Jeannette Murphey also returns to our faculty this academic year. Dr. Murphey's doctorate is in educational psychology, with a specialty in testing. She will be dividing her time between teaching our psychology course offerings and assisting Dr. Myers in elementary education.

Ms. Cathy Jacobs is a new addition to the faculty this academic year. She holds the master's degree in physical education and will be teaching our physical education activity and classroom courses and directing our intramural program.

Mr. Reid Derr is another new addition to the faculty at Clarke College. He holds the master's of divinity and is completing work on his master's in



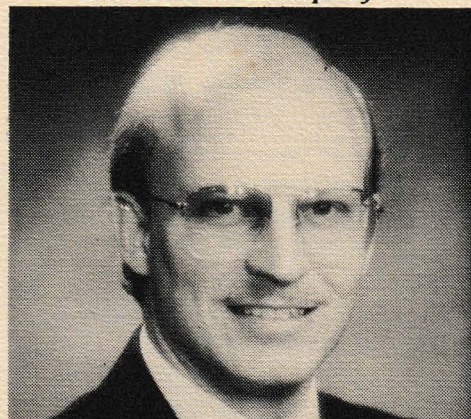
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history. He will be teaching our survey history offerings.

We can be justly proud of the faculty at Clarke College. Their quality is obvious. Of the full and part-time faculty, one-half hold the earned doctorate and the rest hold the master's degree or more. The quality of the Clarke College

faculty is not merely reflected in their academic credentials. It is also reflected in their commitment to Christ and in their commitment to the principles of Christian higher education, a quality obvious to the alumni and those who are presently students at Clarke College.

Homecoming Registration Form

If you plan to join us on November 22, please complete this form and return to Clarke College, P.O. Box 440, Newton, Mississippi 39345.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Class of _____

I plan to attend the Homecoming activities _____ Yes _____ No

There will be _____ in my group.

If spouse attended Clarke College, please list:

Name _____

Class of _____

Lunch will be available in our cafeteria at \$2.50 per person.

Alum News

60's — Juanita West, class of '66 is now employed at Clarke as instructor of English and Speech and women's dorm director.

70's — Mary Bryan Burt, '79 has returned to Clarke as part-time Admissions Clerk and part-time student. She is working toward a degree in Elementary Education. her husband, Bryan Burt, '74 is now Attendance Center Principal in Sebastapol, Miss.

Ricky Tillotson, '74 is now Principal at Jet Elementary School, Vicksburg, Ms.

80's — Terry Williams, class of '81 and his wife are proud parents of Nathaniel Lee, born in June, 1986.

Terry, now pastor of Mantee Baptist Church, Mantee, Miss., preached in Korea from May 16 to June 1, 1986. The trip was a cooperative of effort of the Foreign Mission Board and the Korean Baptist Convention. The trip was financed for him by Mantee Baptist Church. Eighty-five persons were involved in the effort of preaching revivals, witnessing house to house, and discipling new converts. Among the group were pastors, evangelists, other staff members and several wives.

Shelly Sasser, class of '85 toured the northwest as a BSU Student Summer Missionary. She was pianist for a revival team which traveled in this area during the summer of '86.

Religious Activities

Religious activities play an essential role in the educational activities of Clarke College. We who are a part of the administration, faculty and staff at Clarke College believe that we are remiss unless we attempt to develop the whole student intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Our required courses in Old Testament and New Testament do this in the area of spiritual development to some extent, but we realize that Biblical knowledge and spiritual faith are not the same, though they tend to go hand in hand. Rather, we believe that the spiritual development of our students occurs in their participation in the ac-

tivities of our campus' three major religious organizations: the Baptist Student Union, Baptist Young Women and the Ministerial Association and in our annual Religious Emphasis Week, Mission Emphasis Week and in raising our Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions. Membership in these organizations and involvement in these annual religious activities give Clarke students opportunities to be "doing" Christians — giving the faith in their hearts feet and hands to "go" and "do", which often begins a lifetime of devoted service to our Lord as clergy or laity.

Alumni Homecoming and Preview Day SCHEDULE

Registration.....	9:30 a.m.
Campus Tours.....	10:00-11:00
Program.....	11:00-12:00
Lunch, on your own.....	12:00-1:00
Basketball Game.....	2:00
Homecoming Court.....	Halftime

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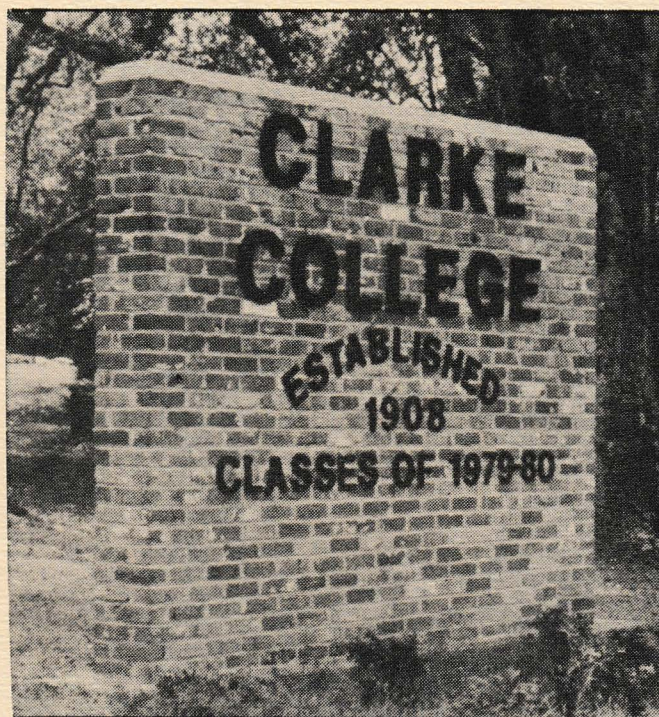
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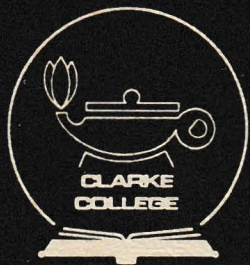
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CLARKE ALUMNI SHOW STRENGTH

The great strength of Clarke College has always been the quality of the people who live and work in an environment where God's love is shared through common experiences. There is good evidence that wherever the alumni of Clarke go, they carry the spirit of this love with them - to other schools, to the mission field, or to a secular vocation. Many keep in touch with the college through visitation, publications or current students. Others seem to disappear for long periods of time, only to reappear at the campus with a prospective student in tow.

The office of Alumni Affairs has planned a series of events for 1986, that is designed to build closer ties between Clarke College and her 7,500 plus alumni. Beginning January 15, 1986, Clarke students will be participating in an ALUMNI PHONATHON. For one month, alumni who contribute to the college as a result of the phonathon will have their gift matched from a special fund set aside by a group of donors. One of the most exciting things about the phonathon is that it puts current students in touch with alumni. Regardless of the age difference or occupational variety, experiences at Clarke College always provide a field of common ground.

On February 11, 1986, a joint Clarke College - Mississippi College Alumni meeting will be held in the Clarke Cafeteria for Alumni of both schools who reside in Newton and surrounding counties. The dinner meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. and will feature music by the college choir and reports from college officials. Reservations for the dinner can be made by contacting the Alumni Office at Clarke.

Two special clubs have been es-

tablished which strengthen Alumni support. A Heritage Club has been



Susan Williams, a sophomore at Clarke, is a charter member of the Heritage Club, a group made up of students whose parents attended Clarke College.

established to honor students currently attending Clarke who are children of alumni. At present, there are 6 members of the Heritage Club. They are: Beth Higginbotham, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Higginbotham of Bogue Chitto, MS; Angela Hutson, daughter of Mrs. Guynelle Hutson of Brandon, MS; Tracy Massey, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Troy Massey of Peachbottom, PA; Donna Gomillion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gomillion of

Union, MS; Carla McNally, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James McNally of Philadelphia, MS; and Susan Williams, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lamar Williams of Jackson, MS.

Plans have also been made to establish the first 50 Year Club at Clarke. Special attention will be given this fall to the class of 1936. Alumni who attended Clarke before 1936 are invited to become special members of this unique club. During Alumni Homecoming, the 50 Year Club will receive special recognition, culminating with the presentation of certificates at the 1986 graduation. Anyone wishing to receive more information about the 50 Year Club should contact the Alumni Office at Clarke College.

Alumni Homecoming, scheduled for Saturday, April 5, will bring former students, guests and prospective students to the campus for class meetings, a special worship service and an afternoon baseball game. The following day, April 6, Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate her 20th anniversary and all charter members are encouraged to return for a special service. Many of the original members of Calvary were students at Clarke College. In addition to alumni Homecoming, members of the class of 1966 are hard at work planning a reunion for the summer of 1986.

PREVIEW DAY
For
Prospective Students
March 5, 1986
April 5, 1986

MISSION TO MEXICO

by
Ron Kirkland
Dean of the College

On September 18 one of the most severe earthquakes ever recorded, 8.1 on the rictor scale, shook the world's second largest city to an abrupt halt. Two days later a second earthquake registered 7.5 and Mexico City became one of the most devastated cities on earth. Thousands of buildings crumbled and thousands of people were killed, injured, and left homeless. The official death count is around 7,000 but local unofficial estimates are many times more than the official numbers perhaps as high as 40 to 50 thousand deaths. Help came to Mexico City from all over the world from all different types of volunteers and professional organizations. The people of Mississippi were represented by a small group of Southern Baptist Brotherhood volunteers who are a part of the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Team. This team is symbolized by the big 18-wheeler van that has been taken to many places in the United States for disaster relief but made its first international run in early October at the request of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico. The primary purpose of the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Team is to provide food for those who have been struck by disaster. Three other State Baptist Conventions were also in Mexico City on a similar mission. Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma have similar vehicles that serve similar functions.

The Mississippi van was located at the Departivo Oceania, a large sports pavillion in a highly populated section of Mexico City. There were about 600 people who had lost their homes in the earthquake who had been housed on the gymnasium floor of the sports complex. Our role was to provide the means for feeding the people. We were located at one of several housing centers the Mexican government had established for the homeless. Here the people were comfortable, safe, and well fed. However, many thousands of people refused to leave the streets where they



Traffic at a busy intersection in Mexico City returned to normal a few hours after the earthquake even though thousands were killed a few kilometers away.

were living under crude plastic covers and eating whatever they could find. The government took advantage of the curiosity of American men who were volunteering their time to help the Mexican people to attract people from the streets to the housing centers. As a result, we were on the national news in Mexico several times and our yellow disaster relief caps and jackets became a national symbol of goodwill. We, thereby, became national heroes who constantly received expressions of appreciation from the Mexican people. Our mission of a mundane food preparation (which we really were never able to accomplish to the Mexican taste and were soon replaced by Mexican volunteers in the actual preparation of food) was elevated to the status of international goodwill ambassadors. We communicated to people without the benefit of knowing their language, a message that perhaps all the formal delegations in history could not have accomplished as well. We communicated love and brotherhood with simple gestures of friendship such as holding babies while mothers ate their meals, playing games with the children who had been so traumatized only a few days earlier, sharing Mexican meals with people who were so amused at our reaction to the hot chili peppers, struggling to master a few Spanish words to communicate our friendship as they likewise struggled to say friendly words in English.

Only time will tell how Mexico will come out of its tragedy. Only

time will tell of the lasting results of the efforts of the Brotherhood Disaster Relief Teams. I am sure that none of us who made the trip to Mexico will ever be the same, and I am sure that none of us will ever read casualty reports of any disaster with indifference. No longer are those figures just numbers. They are more than fellow human beings. They have become our personal friends, and they have learned that we love them.



Vicki Awais, an exchange student from Jordan who graduated from Clarke in 1966, recently returned to the campus for a visit. Vicki is a nurse in Jordan and spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Mangum of Jackson who helped sponsor her as a student at Clarke. Pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Mangum are Juanita West, Vicki, and Evelyn Williams, classmates from 1966.

New Faculty at Clarke

Clarke is fortunate to have one of the most qualified and experienced faculties of any junior college. Over half of the full time faculty hold the earned doctorate. In 1985-86, several new faculty members have been added. There are two new full time faculty members. John Butler is the new Men's and Women's basketball coach. Butler is a graduate of Clarke, and also holds the Bachelors degree from Belhaven College where he was on the varsity basketball team. He completed his Masters degree at Mississippi College. He moved to Newton from Rankin County where he was coaching in one of the county schools.

Dr. Charlotte Worley is the new full time professor of English and chairperson of the language department. Dr. Worley's undergraduate work was done at Delta State University and she has recently completed the Ph.D. in English from the University of Mississippi. She also has previous teaching experience at several other colleges. She and her husband moved to Newton from Grenada, MS where they will continue to reside on weekends and during the summer.

Mrs. Marion Thornton has been promoted from part time to full time music professor and is directing the new piano preparatory department this year. Pre-schoolers through adults may take classes and individual lessons in piano. This program has a maximum enrollment of 50 and a growing waiting list. Mrs. Thornton lives in Decatur and has a long history of service to the community. Her undergraduate degree is from William Carey College and her Masters is from USM.

In addition to these full time additions, Clarke has added seven part-time instructors. Sue Kirkland will be teaching Elementary Education courses as well as continuing her Assistant Librarian duties. Mrs. Kirkland is the wife of Dean Kirkland and has both undergraduate and Masters degrees from Miss. College. Janet Lee of Clinton will be teaching English on a part-time basis. Janet is the wife of Dr. Rory Lee who is the Vice-President of Development for Mississippi College. Her under-

graduate and Masters degrees are from MC. Mrs. Diane Rives of Newton will be teaching one math course this year. Mrs. Rives is the wife of Dr. David Rives and a long time resident of Newton. Her undergraduate work was done at USM and her Masters work at Memphis State.

Caleb Grace is also teaching an algebra class for the nursing program in Meridian. Mr. Grace holds the Masters degree from MSU and teaches Math full time at Newton High School.

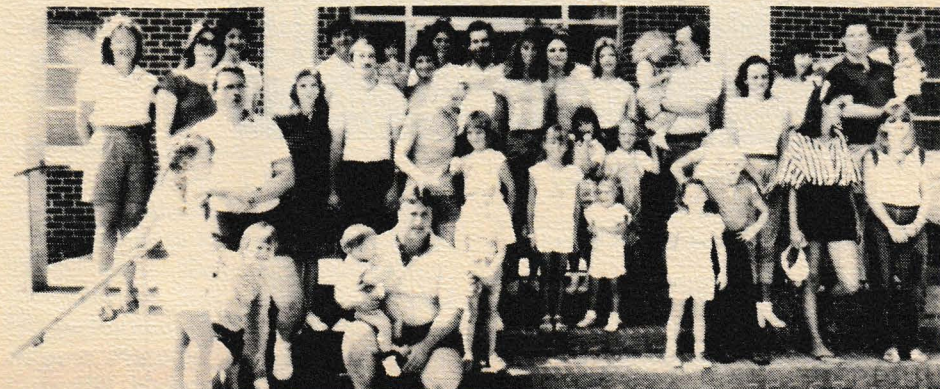
Vardaman Vance of Union is teaching in the Business department this year. Mr. Vance has two graduate degrees from Mississippi State University. He received his undergraduate degree from USM and taught business at Mississippi State University from 1954-1983.

Michael Everett of Hickory has been added to the part-time faculty this year in Psychology and Sociology. Mr. Everett was the Director of Weems Mental Health office in Decatur. He is a graduate of Miss. College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Juanita West has returned to the faculty of Clarke as a part-time speech teacher. Ms. West is a graduate of Clarke and William Carey. She received her Masters degree from USM.

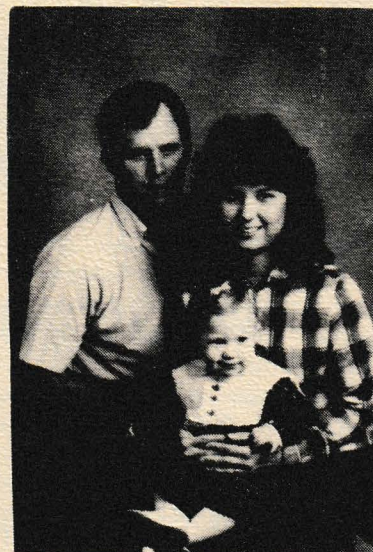
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...KEEPING IN TOUCH
WITH
OUR FAMILY...



The class of 1975 enjoyed a weekend reunion at Clarke in July. Alumni posed with families prior to a picnic at Turkey Creek Water Park.

BUTLER HEADS CLARKE BASKETBALL PROGRAM



Josh Butler now heads the men's and women's basketball program at Clarke. Shown here with his wife, Wanda and daughter, Lori, the butlers welcomed Josh Dewey Butler III, born on Thanksgiving day.

Schedule

Jan. 18-Delgado CC	Home-2:00
Jan. 23-Meridian JC	Mer.-6:00
Jan. 25-EMJC	Scooba-6:00
Jan. 31-Holmes JC	Home-6:00
Feb. 6-Jones JC	Home-6:00
Feb. 7-Delgado CC	N.O.-7:30
Feb. 11-M.H. JC	Home-6:00
Feb. 15-Bossier Par.	Home-2:00
Feb. 20-Meridian JC	Home-6:00
Feb. 21-M.H. JC	W. Point-6:00

Conversations With An Autumn Leaf

(REV. 22:2)

Hello, you beautiful thing! Speak up! Well, why can't you talk louder? Oh! You are dying? I am sorry. I asked!! What do you mean, "Dying has its good points for an autumn leaf"? Why is dying so good for you? I see. You have your natural sugars all stored up in your face; And when you begin to die, you turn from green to yellow, from yellow to red and purple? Hey, how did you get so sweet anyway? You have got to be kidding! You got to be so sweet in the place I found You!! Surely, I remember!! Did you really like to live in the muck and mire of that black earth? Yuck!! How did you do it? You kept your face turned toward the sun - That was your power source - and what? You actually lived better in that rough place? We what? You think we humans take it easy? We would all end up on the gulf amid sand dunes if we had our way?? You really think we are like that, don't you!! What?? "Do I know of a man who lived a lonely life in rough situations??" Well, yes! I know one man who did - that would be Jesus!! Do you know Jesus? You do!! Right on!! He is your Creator - Yes, I knew that - But I didn't think you knew! Well, now I never gave that much thought before but you say "All creation knows its Creator and tries to glorify Him - that is - except us humans"! No, we don't glorify Him much, do we?? I wonder why we don't?? Oh, you know why!? Tell me then!!! Why?? It's because

we humans take our eyes off our power source - Jesus because we wander and go astray, we don't get sweet inside - and then what? It is because we humans do not want to die to self because we are afraid to take up our cross daily and die to self - We disobey our Creator's command to follow Him into rough places .. Well, you have a point!! What do you mean, "It's a shame"? What is a shame? O.K., I'm listening!! Yes, I remember the tree - Your glorious tree!! Every leaf was beautiful!! Every leaf was different!! Yes, I remember; in the summer, when you all looked alike - Blah green!! There!! You said it again!! What is a shame?? We What??? We humans all look blah green when we refuse to die?? Oh, I see!! We cannot be beautiful; we cannot be our best, we cannot glorify God until - We begin to die to self - Begin to die to our old life - to follow Jesus' steps. Then?? We begin to look different - We begin to look like yellow and gold - and red and purple - just like you leaves!! Hey, are you crying! Why are you so sad?? Aren't you happy to be an autumn leaf?? So - why are you crying?? You wish you had more time before the winter to glorify God!! You wish you were a human? For heaven sakes, why?? I see; We humans have the whole year - year after year - even into eternity, But you leaves only live one year - die in the autumn - and never live again!!



Now, you - you stop that crying!! Don't you know if only one person learns a lesson from your colors - if only one person learns the lesson of your dying and decides to follow Jesus - that when they become a beautiful person, you will have a part in His glory for ever and ever? Good, you are smiling again!! Now, I am so glad!! You beautiful thing, you know you have helped me greatly?? What do you mean, "You are still green in spots"? Of course, we humans are green in spots - But listen, leaf, I am going to learn to live in rough places and I am learning to keep my eyes upon Jesus and I am going to die a little each day to self, and One day - One day, leaf - I am going to be beautiful just like you and Jesus.

Eddie Ruddick, Th.D. is head of the Department of Religion at Clarke.

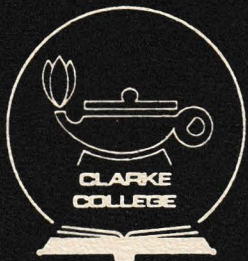


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Dreams Are For Real

When God is working, dreams become real! At the same time that Clarke College music faculty members were considering the merit of a preparatory music program, a former music faculty member was dreaming of returning to Clarke to teach. In God's appointed time, the dream materialized when Mrs. Marian Thornton joined the faculty again in September, 1985 to organize and direct a preparatory piano program.

Months of preparation went into planning the Clarke College preparatory program. The first task Mrs. Thornton had was to make a study of prep music programs at senior institutions such as Carson-Newman College and Southern Methodist University to gather information and to formulate plans. Then came the shaping of a program to fit needs of the area surrounding Clarke College. Local support and cooperation were solicited and and received from the Newton Public School Board and officials. Publicity was given to the program by local newspapers, by hand-outs and by word of mouth.

Response to registration into the piano program was beyond all expectations! It became evident to Mrs. Thornton and the Clarke College staff that help was needed in this new venture. Again the need was met; for God had prepared a former Clarke student who had just completed his Music Education degree at Mississippi College.

Jeff Hardy, a Newton Cosmetologist, and First Baptist Church Organist, became a second piano teacher in the program.

Original plans in the proposal called for a maximum of 35 students, but a registration of 70 was reached by end of the second month.

The Clarke College Prep Program is now in its third year and has made outstanding statistics: averaged an enrollment of 65 students; served students in 9 schools in the Clarke College area; served 12 adult students; has affiliation with the American Federation of Music Clubs; entered students in five piano festivals each year with 98 percent top ratings; and presented two public recitals each year with student recitals given monthly.

The preparatory piano program has added a new dimension to Clarke College as an outreach, as a public relations agent, as a service agent to the surrounding communities and churches and as a center of musical training for young and old alike.

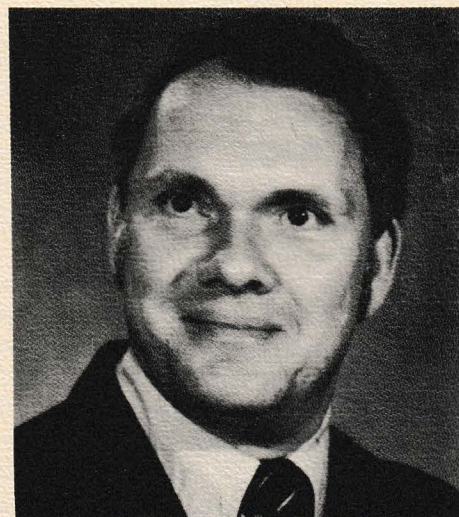


Mrs. Marian Thornton and Jeff Hardy

From the Dean ...

I am sure that the headlines Clarke College received in **The Baptist Record** this summer were disturbing to a lot of you who are alumni and friends of Clarke College. These headlines were disturbing to many of you because you were under the impression that, when Clarke College was placed under the supervision of Mississippi College in 1981, Mississippi College was going to financially support Clarke. This was not and is not true. The Clarke College-Mississippi College **Plan and Resolution of Merger**, which was drawn up to define the relationship between Clarke College and Mississippi College, stated that Clarke College would be financially independent of Mississippi College, whose administration was to exercise fiscal (financial) and administrative supervision over Clarke College.

Do not be embarrassed about being confused about what the merger meant.



James C. Read
Dean

Even the members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention's Education Com-

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By Their Fruit You Will Know Them

Evaluation is a difficult process. How can you measure success? Is there a way in which we as Southern Baptists can accurately evaluate a school we support? Although not the only way, one measure of effectiveness is proper stewardship.

As Southern Baptists, we have an interest in how our cooperative program dollars are being spent. We elect messengers, board and committee members, and officers at the associational, state and national levels. Annually, as a denomination, we approve a budget which is bathed in prayer, carefully constructed, and implemented according to the best principles of God and man.

Although through action of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Clarke College is being defunded at the rate of more than

\$31,000.00 per year, Clarke College remains accountable to God and to Mississippi Baptists in being a good steward of the funds allotted to it. The following figures reflect how some of these funds are being spent at Clarke during the 1987-88 academic year.

Almost one-third of Clarke College's students, 50 out of 170 students, (counting both the junior and senior college programs administered through Mississippi College) are preparing for full time Christian ministry. There are 28 students preparing for the preaching ministry, seven students preparing for the music ministry, and 15 students preparing for the religious education ministry. Of these 50 ministerial students, 18 are currently serving as ministers (in preaching, music or religious education) in local churches.

Additionally, many students serve churches as pulpit supply, as revival team members and other types of ministry. All faculty in the Department of Religion hold earned doctorates from Southern Baptist seminaries. These men serve as either supply or interim pastors nearly every Sunday.

The figures listed above demonstrate that indeed Mississippi Baptists can be proud to have a school which serves to equip so many young people for the ministry to which God had called them. Mississippi Baptists can answer the question, "Is my money being well spent at Clarke College?"

*Dr. John E. Dent, Jr.
Instructor of Greek and New Testament
Clarke College, Newton, MS*

"Clarke College Days" Series Proposed

The students and the faculty of Clarke are willing to abide by the divinely given criteria. We are quite anxious to prove that we are good stewards of the resources that Mississippi Baptists expend on us. With the cooperation of the Associational Directors of Missions and in conjunction with the administration, faculty, staff, BSU and the Ministerial Association of Clarke College, I propose a series of "Clarke College Days" in the churches.

1. Rev. Johnny Sykes, Admissions Recruiter, will contact each of the area Directors, seeking their permission for the event. With the Directors' assistance, open dates in the Associational calendar during January 15 to March 1, 1988, will be selected.

2. Letters from Rev. Sykes to the pastors in that above association will seek their cooperation in the Clarke College Day program. The pastor, if he feels so lead of the Lord, will approach his church and set the date in the church's calendar. From the response of the churches, a like number of speakers, musicians, and youth workers will be enlisted from the BSU and the Ministerial Association. Those who are selected will have the full approval of the faculty and staff before they are sent as representatives of the college.

3. The students will be assigned at random to the churches and the churches informed prior to Clarke College Day. On the morning of the Clarke College Day, the students will arrive at a central point and meet a representative from each church at 8:00 a.m. The morning church will hear the students and be their host for the noon meal, and transport them back to an afternoon youth rally at a central location. Each church will be urged to have their youth present for the rally, where they will hear some of the upper level religion students share in the youth oriented service. Clarke College staff and faculty will be present to counsel and pray with interested young people about God's will for their lives, including their plans for college.

4. The churches will pick up their evening assignees at the youth rally and transport them to the church and back to the central location after the evening service. A Clarke College Day love offering will be received in churches and forwarded to the college. The total offering will be shared pro rata by the students making the trip for that day. Each pastor will be asked to send a personal evaluation of the students in his church and in the rally meeting. Such information will be treated confidentially by the faculty and staff and

used only for advisement and counseling purposes.

When you hear of the date for Clarke College Day in your church, I hope you will give it your full support. I also fervently desire your prayers that God will use this program to the praise of His Glory.

*Dr. Eddie E. Ruddick
Chairman, Department of Religion*

Christmas List

- 1 Computer — \$2,000
- 1 Microfiche Read-Printer
\$2,000
- 1 Photocopier
\$1,700
- Ministry Related Software
\$1,000
- Furnishings - Office
\$500
- 15 Drawer Catalog File
\$450
- 1 Printer
\$200
- Word Processing Software
\$125
- New Fence for
Baseball Field
- 35 mm Canon Camera

Baptist Student Union

The BSU rolled into the fall semester with a "welcome back banana split party". The fresh freshman joined the saucy sophomores, the journeying juniors, and settled seniors to sink their faces into a banana loaded with goodies.

Then the BSU and SBA had a 'seventy-five mile per hour' pizza party. Seventy-five people waded into pizzas as if they were going out of style.

Next, singspiration set our souls afire when students really put their voices into high gear and opened up full throttle. First Baptist and Calvary Churches joined in a campus-wide supper for the students. Again, "devouring" is the only word I can think of to describe the under-control situation!

Plenty of action came our way during BSU Retreat and BSU convention. At Lake Forest Ranch, the inspirational services were great but I think the Saturday afternoon filled with horseback riding, skiing, hiking, paddle boats, etc., might have been the highlight. At the Convention, the speakers were good, but again, the singing was great. It was super!!

The skating party at First Baptist Church furnished some excitement as bodies flew through the air instead of staying on the floor. No one was hurt, but many missed a good opportunity to get hurt!

Pat Smith, police officer from Jackson, did a concert. It was good, but she should have arrested some students while on campus. Now food again;

The BSU and SBA planned a cook-out at Turkey Creek. Over 100 people attended. Only one problem, someone drank all the punch! When the basketball team arrived, they had to go the water route.

The revival teams are organized and ready to go.

No BSU could get by without a vesper service. It was a time of singing, a time for devotion, a time for games.

Future plans include a banquet, a scavenger hunt, a hayride, a fall festival, and Missions Emphasis Week, the Mississippi Baptist Convention and for December, the annual Lottie Moon Missions Offering.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1987-88

NOVEMBER

6	Co-Lin	Home	6:00	M & W
7	Holmes	There	6:00	M & W
9	East MS	Home	6:00	M & W
10	Pearl River	There	6:00	W
13-14	Pioneer Classic	Harrison AR		M
16	Hinds	Home	6:00	M & W
19	Co-Lin	There	6:00	M & W
21	Natchez College	Home	2:00	M
23-24	Jones Tourn.	Ellisville		M

DECEMBER

1	Jones	There	6:00	M & W
3	Hinds	There	6:00	M & W
4	East Central	Home	6:00	M & W
7	Brewer State	Home	7:00	M
8	Jones	Home	6:00	M & W
11-12	Independence Tourn.	Bossier City, LA	M	

JANUARY

14	Prentiss	There	6:00	M
16	Delgado	Home	7:30	M
19	Mary Holmes	Home	6:00	M & W
21	Meridian	There	6:00	M & W
23	Natchez	There	6:00	M
25	Brewer State	There	7:00	M
29	East Central	There	6:00	M & W
30	Holmes	Home	6:00	M & W

FEBRUARY

4	East Mississippi		6:00	M & W
5	Delgado	There	7:30	M
6	Pearl River	Home	2:00	W
11	Southwest	Home	6:00	M & W
13	Bossier Parish	Home	2:00	M
16	Prentiss	Home	6:00	M
18	Meridian	Home	6:00	M & W
19	Mary Holmes	There	6:00	M & W

Dean ...

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mission, the body responsible for the overall supervision of the Baptist institutions of higher learning in Mississippi have also been confused. They somehow concluded that Clarke's merger with Mississippi College had reduced Clarke's financial needs, so in 1983, they voted to eliminate the so called Administrative Funding part of the financial support Clarke College was receiving from the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Clarke's share of those Administrative Funds is being reduced by about 12 percent a year until they are completely eliminated in 1992.

This summer our President, Dr. Lewis Nobles, sought to persuade the Education Commission to reverse itself and restore the Administrative Funding to Clarke College as it had existed before 1983; but the Education Commission instead is recommending to the Mississippi Baptist Convention that a special allocation of \$55,000 be made to Clarke College for the coming fiscal year. As you can see, this measure does not really address the

problem of defunding. This measure only slows the pace of the defunding of Clarke College being carried out by the Education Commission.

I hope that at this point you are asking yourself the question, "What can I do to help Clarke College out of this delimma?" Well, there are three very concrete steps that you can take to help Clarke College. Those steps are the following:

First: Use your influence on any member or members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention's Education Commission whom you might know to convince them to move to restore Clarke's Administrative Funding to the pre-1983 level.

Second: Support Clarke College with your prayers and your purse.

Third: Encourage people that you know that are interested in attending a Christian college with a family-like environment to consider attending Clarke College.

The future of Clarke College depends upon you, the alumni and friends of the College. If you believe in Clarke College, now is the time to step forward and be counted among those who believe in Clarke College. **The choice is yours.**

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Mrs. Bernice K. Jernigan
Ms. Lanora C. Merchant
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Temple Baptist Church

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Alumni Homecoming Nov. 21

The annual Clarke College Homecoming and Preview Day will be held Saturday, November 21. Make plans to attend. Please bring a prospective student.

Our goal this year is to have a prospective student's name from each alumnus. If you are unable to come, please send a name to our Admissions Office. This is a gift that will help Clarke College tremendously.

Alumni Area Reps

In the past, Clarke College enjoyed the advantages of having Alumni Area Representatives. This form of organization and representation is an excellent way for alumni to be involved and help Clarke College move forward. Area

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representatives can provide valuable contacts throughout our state. If you are an alumnus and are interested in seeing this become a reality, please be present on Homecoming Day, November 21, for an organizational meeting.

Alum News ...

Dr. John T. Carter ('42) and his wife, Dr. Frances Carter, have just returned from a semester's teaching exchange assignment at Anhui Normal University in China. They were the first teachers to go from Samford University in the program. Both of the Carters were on the Clarke College faculty between '48 and '56. They reside in Birmingham, Al.

Marcus Peagler ('75) and his wife,

Micki Deloach Peagler ('78) have moved to Quitman, MS where Marcus is now Minister of Music and Education at First Baptist Church. They have two children.

Carey Bass ('80) is now the pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Jasper County. Carey was recently employed as Admissions Recruiter at Clarke.

Jamie Meaders ('85) and wife, Lisa are the proud parents of a baby boy born in September. The Meaders now live in Vicksburg where Jamie is Minister of Music at Trinity Baptist Church.

Johnny Sykes ('87) has accepted the position of Admissions Recruiter at Clarke College. He began in July and is also taking courses at MBTS.

Homecoming Registration Form

If you plan to join us on November 21 please complete this form and return to Clarke College, P.O. Box 440, Newton, Mississippi 39345.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Class of _____

There will be _____ in my group.

I plan to attend the Homecoming Festivities ☐ Yes ☐ No

Alumni Homecoming Schedule

November 21, 1987

Registration and Tours..... 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Program..... 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Lunch..... 11:30 - 12:45 p.m.
Group Meetings..... 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.
Homecoming Court..... 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Basketball game..... 2:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Ruth Mott (1984-85)
Mrs. Alene T. Munn (1984-85)
Mr. Roger W. Sanders (1985-86)
Mrs. Margarette H. Walker (1985-86)
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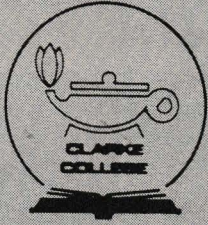
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Fall, 1988

From the Dean ...

Clarke's Future Hinges on Convention

By James C. Read

On November 14, 15 and 16, 1988, the Mississippi Baptist Convention will meet at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. Among the issues to be dealt with at the convention will be the critical need for additional Convention support for Clarke College.

Since January 1984, Clarke College's administrative funding from the Mississippi Baptist Convention has been being phased out at a rate of three percent of the total annual administrative funding until it will be totally eliminated after the 1991-92 fiscal year. For Clarke College, this translates into a 12 percent annual loss of Clarke's share of those funds, because originally these funds were divided equally among Mississippi's four Baptist Colleges until in 1983, the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention made the decision to phase out Clarke College's share of those administrative funds. This phasing out of administrative funding is having a devastating affect on Clarke College because Clarke, with its relatively small enrollment compared to that of Mississippi College or William Carey College, receives the bulk of its Convention support from this particular part of the formula used by the Education Commission for the allocation of Convention funds for Mississippi's Baptist Colleges.

Some might ask the question, "Why doesn't Clarke find additional funding from other sources to offset this partial loss of Convention funding?" There are three other possible sources of funds for Clarke College. Mississippi College, which has had administrative and fiscal control of Clarke College since 1981; increased

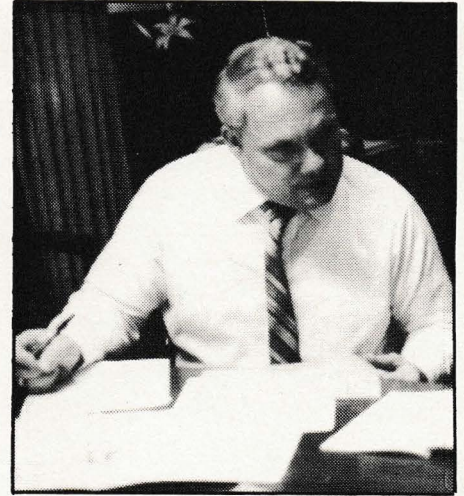
support from alumni and friends; and increased tuition and fees from our students.

The first alternative is not possible because the merger agreement specifies that Mississippi College and Clarke College are to remain fiscally (financially) separate from each other and because Mississippi College does not have extra funds to bankroll the operation of Clarke College.

The second alternative is possible but, despite an increase in annual fund giving by alumni and friends, this alternative source of revenue will never equal the loss of Convention funds that Clarke will be experiencing by 1991-92 (over \$250,000 annually or about one-fourth of our annual cost of operation.)

The third alternative has been used to offset the reduction of Convention support (over a 125 percent increase over the last eight years) but such increases, if continued at the current rate of increase, will eventually price Clarke College out of the market for students. Therefore, a significant increase in Convention funding must be made and it is essential that such action be taken at the 1988 Mississippi Baptist Convention.

This urgency is necessary because, if the 1988 Mississippi Baptist Convention does not take positive action to meet Clarke College's funding needs, this writer believes that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (S.A.C.S.) will place Clarke College on public probation at their December 1988, annual meeting in New Orleans. This will occur because Clarke College will be judged to not be in compliance with condition thirteen of the S.A.C.S. Conditions for Eligibility, which states that all mem-



James C. Read
Academic Dean

ber institutions must have an "adequate financial base". After one year on public probation, if no Convention actions has been taken to give Clarke College this "adequate financial base", Clarke College would be dropped from membership in the Southern Association. This loss of regional accreditation would be tantamount to closing Clarke College, because our survival is dependent upon the ability of our students to transfer their Clarke College work to a senior college. If this does occur, which I pray that it will not, it will because MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS WERE UNWILLING TO SUPPORT CLARKE COLLEGE.

Now is the time for you, as alumni and friends of Clarke College, to stand up and be counted among those of us who believe in Clarke College and in the essentialness of preserving the unique role that Clarke College has and does occupy among the Baptist colleges in Mississippi for the last seventy-nine years. To do this, you

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Voice Of BSU

The theme for Clarke College BSU 1988-89 is "Action Where the Water Hits the Wheel." The dates for Ridgecrest are August 13-19. This is followed by a week of welcome parties August 28 - September 2. September 9 and 10 the BSU fall retreat will be held at Central Hills Baptist Retreat in Kosciusko. Two weeks later, September 23-25, the state-wide BSU Convention will meet in Starkville. October will be filled with Bible studies, worship services, socials such as skating weekly at the family life building of First Baptist Church.

It is likely that the goblins will show up around halloween time. November brings Missions Emphasis Week 1-3, when missionaries will speak and share time with our campus family. The State BYW will bring a missionary to visit the campus on Thursday, November 3. The MS Baptist Convention is set for November 14-16, followed by Thanksgiving services and the beginning of the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Emphasis.

During December, the Emphasis will be on applications for summer missions. The ministers will meet monthly to plan campus revivals.

Something new will be financial grants to all church related vocation students who have letters from their home churches stating that they have been called into a church related vocation.

The BSU will follow the Baptist Student Ministry Guidebook for 1988-89. This Guidebook covers the following subjects: "Understanding Student Ministry in the BSU and Church", and "The Nine Tasks of Student Ministry." The nine tasks are: lead students to worship; involve students in study of the Bible and Christian faith; guide students in making life decisions; building Christian fellowship; lead students into responsible church membership; witness to persons about Jesus Christ; involve students in missions; develop ministries to persons; involve students in work issues and social action.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa, with more than 700 chapters in the United States and abroad, is the only nationally acclaimed honor fraternity serving two-year colleges offering associate degree programs. Since its founding in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa has sought to recognize and encourage scholarship among associate degree students. To achieve this purpose, the honor fraternity has developed opportunities for leadership and service as well as provided an intellectual climate for continued academic excellence.

Clarke College initiated fourteen new members in February during a chapel service. These students were active in several campus activities: phon-a-thon to alumni, concession stands for the basketball games and other fund raising ventures. PTK has regional, state and national conventions annually.

In March, eleven members of Clarke College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa attended the National Convention in Washington, D.C. Activi-



ties included planned workshops, conferences and banquets. Tours were taken on individual basis which included the White House, Smithsonian Institute, Pentagon, Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, National Monument, and other important sites.

Next year the meeting is in Atlanta, GA. Everyone is excited and ready to go.

Religion Department ...

Clarke Days grow in number

Our Plan to have six Clarke College Days in the fall semester between October 1 and November 15, and six more in the spring semester between February 1 and March 15, is taking shape. Five of the twelve associations needed to make the plan work have responded affirmatively. Others are considering the plan and will let us know as quickly as possible.

The proposed program is as follows: A ministerial student will preach in the morning service. A church music student will sing. (These are scarce; you have not sent us enough of them); and a youth rally at a central location will close out the day.

The advantages for the churches: a firsthand look at the student; firsthand examination of the use of mission money and a peer challenge to their own young people from the students. The advantages to the student: experience in the pulpit, exposure before student pastorage churches and help financially through the love offerings.

The advantages to the college: contact with our support group, better public relations through an improved image and an opportunity to get to know our students better and to advise them more wisely.

For this to happen in your association, (if you are within driving range of Clarke), your missions director must approve. The association's calendar committee must recommend and/or approve. The associational executive committee must approve and then the churches must invite. Sounds complicated, but praise the LORD, the requests are coming in!

Pray with us that Clarke College Days will be used to glorify the Lord and to promote His work at Clarke.

NEWS BREAK

Approximately 1/3 of the new students enrolled for the fall semester are in church related major programs!

In Memoriam

A.L. (Pop) McGaugh Greenhouse in Use

Renovation of the Clarke College greenhouse which was built in the early seventies in memory of A.L. "Pop" McGaugh is complete and it is now in use.

Sandy Read, wife of Dr. James C. Read, Dean of Clarke College, has been working in the greenhouse readying cuttings of almost 200 chrysanthemums and dozens of azaleas and other flowering shrubs for campus beautification.

"It's a shame not to use this lovely facility to its fullest," Mrs. Read says.

The greenhouse, which is located behind the science building, is enclosed in a fenced-in area. Mrs. Read is planning to cultivate most of this area into beds for cut flowers.

She has already begun a bed in front of the enclosure by transplanting iris, lilies and other perennials from other sites on campus.

She is quite enthusiastic about the possibilities of the project as almost every soil type and sun/shade exposure is available in the area, making it a perfect environment for a large variety of plants.

Besides campus beautification, the greenhouse will also be used for biology lab work.

"Mrs. Burns, formerly Mrs. A.L. McGaugh, is such a gracious friend of Clarke College. She has often given freely of her elegant rose garden and



her flower arranging talent," said Mrs. Read. "I want her to know how very special she and the memory of "Pop" McGaugh are to the Clarke College family."

Many of you will remember the McGoughs. "Pop" McGaugh was chairman of the Science Department 1949-1970. Mrs. McGaugh, now Mrs. A.S. Burns, was Resident Advisor of the Girls Dorm and Psychology instructor. They and their daughters, Ann and Marcia, lived at Clarke College for many years and will always be a part of the Clarke family.

Calendar of Events

Aug. 30.....	Fall Registration
Sept. 23.....	BSU Convention
Oct. 10.....	Fall Fest/Guest Day
Nov. 5.....	Alumni Homecoming
	Clarke vs Holmes
Nov. 14-16.....	Miss. Baptist Convention
Nov. 23-27.....	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21.....	Christmas Break

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must make your voice heard at the 1988 Mississippi Baptist Convention. To be heard, you must, if you are a member or a pastor of a member church of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, come to the 1988 Mississippi Baptist Convention as a voting mes-

senger from your church prepared to vote for a measure to increase Clarke's Convention funding. Some Mississippi Baptists have already dug the grave and prepared the epitaph for Clarke College because they believe bigger is better and because they do not want to "waste" Convention funds at Clarke to educate "preacher boys" and music directors for small churches of Mississippi. Each one of you who remains silent on this issue of increasing Convention funding for Clarke College is throwing your support behind those doomsayers who want to bury Clarke College. I BELIEVE CLARKE COLLEGE IS WORTH FIGHTING TO SAVE! DO YOU?

Admissions & Recruiting Clarke Preview Days

This year something new is being offered in our preview day schedules. These events were planned with you in mind. Take advantage of these and bring several prospective students to visit our campus.

Since many of our alumni and friends are pastors, the first preview day has been scheduled for Monday, October 3. Hopefully, this day will be more convenient for pastor schedules. Make your plans to be our guests on campus on Sunday night, October 2, after your church services. An overnight visit will give the young people first hand experience with dormitory life.

The second Clarke Preview Day will be on Saturday, November 5, in conjunction with the annual Homecoming activities. Alumni and prospective students are encouraged to attend.

Instead of choosing one day to attend, bring prospective students to both events. Remember, Clarke's future depends on the alumni support and the student enrollment. The two seem to go hand in hand.

Schedule

Breakfast.....	7:30-8:00
(for overnight guests)	
Registration/Refreshments.....	8:00-8:30
Classes.....	8:30-9:30
Campus Tour.....	9:30-10:15
Assembly.....	10:30-11:15
Lunch.....	11:30-12:45
Fall Festival.....	1:00-4:00
(Activities on the Circle)	

Preview Day

We will attend:	Yes	No
Monday only.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday night lodging.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of Females	_____	
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Return by September 23)

Alumni Up-Dates

Paul and Pam Cockrell ('76) have recently returned to Mississippi where Paul accepted the call of pastorate to Southern Hills Church, Jackson. They have four children, Sarah, Kelli, Chad and Shane.

Jon Doler ('72) is now pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland. Jon and his wife, Scotti were previously serving the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Raleigh. They have two children.

Bryan Burt ('75) has accepted the

position of headmaster at Newton County Academy. Bryan and his wife Mary ('79) have one child, David. They came to Newton Academy from Sebatopol where Bryan was principal.

Josh Butler ('75) has become the head coach of women's basketball at Southwest Community College in Summit. Josh previously coached men's and women's basketball at Clarke College. He and his wife, Wanda, have two children, Lori and Joshua.

Pictorial View '87-'88

The 1987-88 academic year saw Clarke College host many successful events. Among these were Homecoming '88, Class of '67 Reunion, weekly chapel guests, winning the first Women's Independent District basketball title, our first annual alumni baseball game and the second annual 50 Year Club Luncheon.

Pictures: Right: Gov. Ray Mabus and Mayor Bill Freeman. Below: Dr. Jim Futral, Chapel Guest, along with Clarke staff.



Mattie Pinson Scholarship Begun

Recently a scholarship fund through the Mississippi Baptist Foundation was begun by Hollis Bryant, Ray Grissett and Eugene Farr. The scholarship is in honor of Mattie Pinson who was a long time supporter of ministerial wives.

This scholarship is to aid ministerial wives as they pursue a Christian education at Clarke College.

As many of you were associated with Mrs. Pinson during her lifetime, you know of her dedication. Through this scholarship many will continue to be touched by Mrs. Pinson in the future. Contributions should be directed to: The Mattie Pinson Scholarship Fund, Mississippi Baptist Foundation, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Alumni Homecoming

November 5, 1988

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THE VOICE

OF CLARKE COLLEGE

A Division Of Mississippi College

Newton, Mississippi

Spring, 1989

Clarke's Assets — Alumni

Webster's dictionary defines asset as an advantage or a resource. For an institution, its most valuable asset lies in the support of its alumni who provide various resources toward the institution's growth. So, Clarke College alumni are a valuable asset for Clarke College growth.

One of the richest assets alumni can provide for Clarke's growth is assisting in our student recruitment program. Only our alumni understand and realize the unique purpose and mission of Clarke College. Thus, only alumni can truthfully share the spirit of Clarke with prospective students.

Wayne Elliott, a 1977 alumnus who is employed by the Home Mission Board as a Field Personnel Assistant in Montegut, Louisiana, demonstrates the value of alumni resources. Over the last three years, Elliott, who pastors the Montegut Baptist Mission, has directed two couples and three dormitory students to the Clarke campus. Of these seven people from Montegut Baptist Mission, two are ministerial students, who entered Clarke through the G.E.D. program, and two (a brother and sister whose father has recently surrendered to the ministry) are mission volunteers.

Wayne Elliott knew first hand about the education preparation at Clarke available to those who had not attained a high school diploma. He also knew that the spiritual atmosphere on the Clarke campus would give strength and support to those involved in Christian ministries. So, as many of our faithful alumni have done, Wayne Elliott encouraged these members of his flock to seek God's leadership in their lives



Pictured are Mitch and Angie Hebert, brother and sister, who came to Clarke through encouragement from Rev. Wayne Elliott. Both are Missions volunteers.

direction.

Now, a small nucleus of Montegut Baptist Mission has become an asset to Clarke College. Already, this group has begun to inform others on the asset that Clarke College is in their lives. One of the students summed up that Clarke Advantage in this way:

Courses are designed to encourage and to improve student growth and development in studies. If one has the desire to learn—regardless of the struggles—that encouragement is given to strive and to advance.

Many of our alumni are actively involved in student recruitment—the life of an institution. All that is involved in recruiting students is belief in the school's program, individual allegiance to the school, and time to share that spirit with others. What can you give to add to Clarke's assets?

You are our best recruiters

By Jim Read

Dean of Clarke College

Clarke College is under a mandate to increase its enrollment. No, I am not referring to the resolution passed by a small majority of the hundred Convention Board members to recommend to the MC-Clarke Board of Trustees that Clarke College be closed if its enrollment does not reach 300 f.t.e. by September of this year (1989). No one, with any knowledge about higher education, believes such an increase (200 percent) is possible in one year. The mandate Clarke has to increase its enrollment to 300 f.t.e. must respond, comes from those 871 messengers to the 1988 Mississippi Baptist Con-

College to have a fighting chance to survive, by voting an additional \$145,000.00 for Clarke College. To bring our per-student cost to the Convention down to a reasonable figure we must increase our enrollment to at least 300 students (not 300 f.t.e.). Such an increase in enrollment can not be done in one year, but it can be done. It must be done, if the Convention's expression of support for Christian Higher Education at Clarke College is to be justified.

This goal of 300 students can not be reached without your help, for you see you are our best recruiters. The bulk of our current students came to Clarke College because of the influence of

student at Clarke.

I know you are probably now asking yourself, "How can I help Clarke College recruit students?" Let me outline some ways. First, respond to the letter you received from Ms. Juanita West by returning the prospect card that was enclosed in that letter with the name of at least one person whom you believe would benefit from the special type of education available only at Clarke. Second, say positive things about Clarke College to young people you know, even to those who do not plan to come to Clarke College. Third, encourage your church to provide scholarships for its young people who choose to attend Clarke College. Fourth, inform

Campus Corner

Voice of BSU 1988-89

Clarke College BSU is on the one yard line and has decided to go for it! We have the "go for it" success story of a great fall semester of tremendous events to rely upon.

Students have been active in everything from the fall retreat to the Lottie Moon Mission Offering. Somewhere in between came Bible study, Morning Watch, Singspiration, socials, campus revival, M.A. and BYW meetings, Interfaith Witness Seminar and everything that students like to do, including church attendance.

You have heard that some things never change. This is true concerning students "going" and "eating" all the time. If you don't believe it, come and watch pizza "melt away" quicker than cotton candy.

January to May is usually a fast moving semester. As the weather changed from snow, ice and cold to the budding of the trees and green grass growing, the students became involved in Spiritual Emphasis Week, February 21-23. Rev. Tommy Anderson, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pearl, Miss. was guest speaker. Other added February events included the Baptist Doctrine Preview on the

morning of February 1 and the Evangelistic Conference at First Baptist Church, Meridian, February 6-8. March opened the door for students scattering during spring holidays, special Easter services and the BSU Leadership Training Conference, March 31-April 1. March is also time for election of 1989-90 BSU Executive Council. The big deal in April is the campus-wide "spring fling" picnic at Roosevelt State Park. This trip involves goofy golf, softball, hiking and don't forget, the ever exciting paddle boating, when, believe it or not, the boats just turn over all by themselves! It can happen.

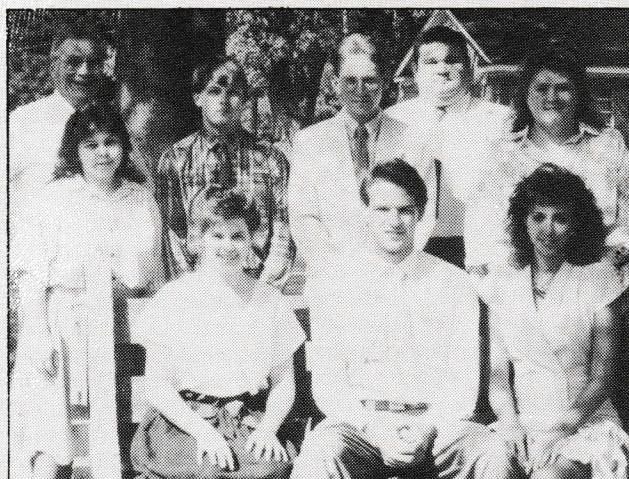
Next is the big end-of-the-year banquet for the SBA and the BSU on April 27. This will likely be held at the forever attractive Back Forty all you can eat seafood buffet. Come join us!

In closing, the BSU will be active in the Newton County Revival April 30-May 7.

The climax of the year comes with the "see you later" party on May 8.

Finally, the BSU invites you to visit the campus anytime and send prospects as often as you can.

—Bro. C



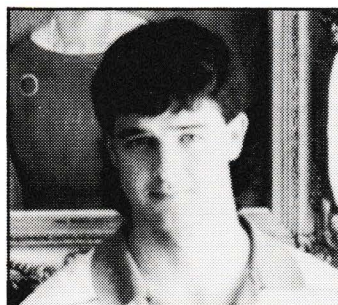
Student Union Officers.

H.E.A.D.W.A.E. honorees at Clarke College

Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence an award of the office of Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning is given each year to one faculty member and one student from each of Mississippi's institu-

Rep. Raymond Comans.

Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Ellis of Walnut Grove. He is a graduate of Sebastopol High School where he was Salutatorian of his class and received several academic awards. He is a liberal arts



Dale Ellis



Ted Wilson

tions. Those selected from the Clarke College campus for the 1988-89 school year are: Dale Ellis, Walnut Grove and Ted Wilson, instructor of sciences at Clarke. Awards day was February 21, 1989, in Jackson, where these honorees met with their respective legislators; Senator Buddy Bond, Rep. Bennett Malone, Senator Alan Heflin and

major at Clarke and is a member Phi Theta Kappa Academic Society.

Mr. Wilson is Director of Dept. of Sciences at Clarke. He is married to Paulette Wilson who is an elementary teacher in the Newton City Schools. They have two children, Jason, age five and Heather, age three.

Nursing shortage ...

Are you the answer?

So often there is a national plea that is based on regional needs rather than the needs of the all-inclusive areas of the nation. However, there is a legitimate national plea for workers to enter the health care profession, especially the national need for nurses. Hospitals, clinics, state health departments and doctors are offering incentives from cash bonuses in the thousands of dollars to three months vacation for yearly commitments.

The nursing field is open to men and women of any age. The education options are varied from a two year A.D. diploma to the four-year bachelor of Nursing Degree. The good news is that Clarke College offers a curriculum which fully prepares the pre-service nursing student in the core requirements and science courses necessary for the student to enter clinical training. Clarke College also structures time

blocks and schedules to fit the needs of in-service nurses who are involved in meeting validation requirements toward obtaining the Bachelor's of Science Degree in nursing.

Kathy Bailey, 1982 Clarke College alumnus who holds the BSN from the University of Southern Mississippi, states, "My preparation at Clarke College made it possible for me to perform equally as well and more often superior to the peers in my classes at Southern. Take advantage of what Clarke offers; it pays dividends."

Are you one of those people who feels the need to be in a helping, people-oriented profession yet want to be paid well for what you do? You should explore the pre-training possibilities offered at Clarke College in the area of health care and especially in the field of nursing.

—Dr. Mary Jane Myers

With God nothing is impossible

Marty Romero, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church, Montrose, Miss., recognizes that his life demonstrates the biblical truth—that with God, NOTHING is impossible. For through God's direction in his life, Marty Romero has found his place of service in God's work.

As a young man, Marty became involved in drugs and even over-dosed on three occasions; he served time in jail and even tried rehabilitation programs, but none of the programs seemed to work. Marty's wife was a church member, but during that time, had not given her life to the Lord, so Marty did not recognize any value in the church.

In February of 1982, Marty was invited by a deacon to attend services at Society Hill Baptist Church in Oakvale, Miss. where he lived. This long-haired hippie type young man decided to go to church with the idea that he would make all of those "nice society" people feel very uncomfortable. However, Marty was welcomed, hugged and loved by the church family. That day this young man saw a difference in people's lives and told the pastor that he wanted what those people had.

As Marty involved himself in God's work with God's people, he developed an interest in the mission program of the church and their trips to help other growing congregations such as those in Montana. From these experiences, this young Christian felt God's call to missions. Now he knew he must prepare himself, but didn't know what to do, since he had quit school in the eighth grade. But as Marty believes, "the Lord brings it all together."

Rev. Ray Henry, who was at this time pastor of Society Hill, believed that Clarke College could give Marty the incentive and help needed to obtain his education. Even though Marty did not know how he could financially attend school and really did not want to go, Rev. Henry brought him to visit Clarke on a Wednesday after the start of the 1984 fall semester. The very next day, Marty

Romero started classes at Clarke College. The door opened; the money was provided that would move Marty, his wife and two small children to Newton. After a bumpy and frustrating start, this young man received his AA degree from Clarke and returned to enroll in the Mississippi College at Clarke Religion program from which he graduated with a 3.72 grade point average. Presently, Marty is in his third term working toward the Master of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Seminary branch at Mississippi College—with God, NOTHING is impossible.

Marty's personal motto, "The only hands he has are your hands," expresses itself in his interest and desire to help in missions. Two of the active ministries under his direction while he was at Clarke were the local jail ministry and a yearly weekend evangelism rally at Parchman Penitentiary. This mission-minded young man has been to Mexico on four mission trips, to Montana on three mission projects, and to Alabama for a youth mission trip. He has just recently returned from Jamaica and is presently making plans to go to Dayton, Ohio during the summer. Marty's hands are constantly at work as he involves himself and other in roofing, building, and evangelizing for God's Kingdom. Now he tries to help others find that same direction in their lives.

As with other Clarke Alumni who found a place for themselves while on the Clarke campus, Marty busily works to influence others to come to Clarke so that they may become a part of that Clarke spirit. Presently there are four students—including his wife, Patricia, who have come to Clarke because of Marty's influence. Marty Romero truly learned that "Clarke College is a great place to be somebody." Now his hands are involved in the business of helping others make that same discovery and helping them realize that with God—NOTHING is impossible.



Clarke Singers Spring Tour

The schedule for the Clarke College Singers Spring Tour is as follows:

April 3: New Hope Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss.

April 8: Judson Baptist Church, Abbeyville, Ala.

April 9: First Baptist Church, Lucedale, Miss.

April 10: First Baptist Church, Butler, Ala.

April 11: Fayette Baptist Church, Fayette, Miss.

April 12: Woodville Baptist Church, Woodville, Miss.

April 15: Mountain View Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.

April 16: Calvary Baptist Church, Meridian, MS— a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church, Carthage, Miss.— p.m.

Alumni Workshop

Clarke College is sponsoring a Recruitment Workshop for Alumni on April 15, 1989, in the Lott Fine Arts Building. This workshop will be led by the Alumni and Admissions offices and will focus on the role of alumni in recruiting. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions 601-683-2061.

Calendar of Events

April 15..... Alumni Recruitment Workshop
May 16..... Graduation and 50 Year Club Banquet
June 5..... Beginning of Summer Session I
July 10..... Beginning of Summer Session II
August 28..... Fall Semester begins
November 4..... Homecoming
November 13-15..... Miss. Baptist Convention

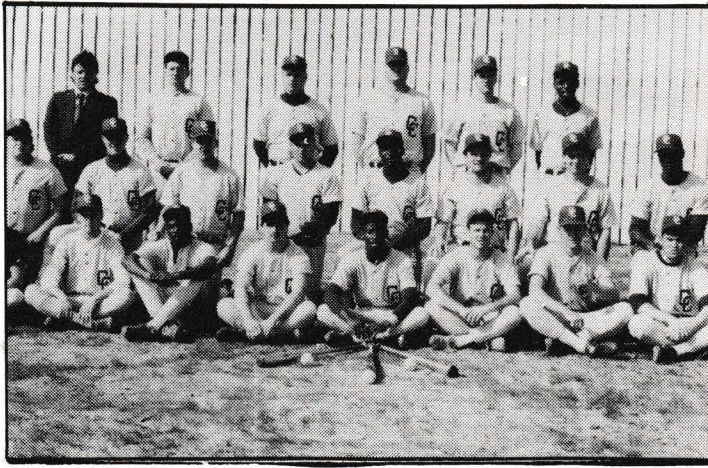
Annual Fund Challenge

In November, the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to increase the Clarke College special allocation by \$145,000. Alumni and friends are challenged to match that amount to show support for Clarke College. Your support is important in the life of CC and its educational mission.

Looking for Mission Project?

There are several needs of the Clarke College campus that could be given special attention. One day or week long projects can be arranged to help paint, provide general repair in the dorms and in the library. Mission groups could help the Clarke College maintenance Department allowing them to continue their normal maintenance duties without interruption.

If your church is interested, please call the Office of Development at Clarke for more information, 601-683-2061.



Panther Notes

The 1988-89 CC basketball season for the men and women was full of suspense. The Lady Panthers led by first year coach, Richard Harris, came on strong at the season's end to win six of the last seven games. This forced a district playoff game with Meridian Community College only to see the Lady Panthers fall short 69-63. The men were not as fortunate winning only their final contest against Mary Holmes 85-73.

The 1989 Panthers Baseball season features a 52 game schedule against some very competitive opponents. Coach Steve Renfrow welcomes a talented group which features 13 freshmen and should provide an exciting season. District play began March 11 against Mary Holmes on the CC Campus (schedule below).

March

Thur. 9, Jones..... H, 1 p.m.

Sat. 11, Mary Holmes ... H, 1 p.m.
Fri. 17, Three Rivers H, 1 p.m.
Sat. 18,
Florissant Valley 12 noon
at MS College
Mon. 20, Mary Holmes, T, 1 p.m.
Tue. 21, Southwest T, 1 p.m.
Fri. 24, Itawambi H, 1 p.m.
Sat. 25, Holmes Comm.. T, 1 p.m.
Tue. 28, ECCC T, 3 p.m.

April

Sat. 1, Mary Holmes T 1 p.m.
Tue. 4, Southwest H, 3 p.m.
Thur. 6, MCC T, 5 p.m.
Mon. 10, MCC H, 1 p.m.
Tue. 11, Mary Holmes.. H, 1 p.m.
Fri. 14, Delgado H, 1 p.m.
Sat. 15, Delgado H, 1 p.m.
Tue. 18, MCC H, 1 p.m.
Fri. 21, Itawambi T, 2 p.m.
Mon. 24, Hinds H, 2 p.m.
Fri. 28, Delgado T, 6 p.m.
Sat. 29, Delgado T, 6 p.m.
May
Tue. 2, MCC T, 5 p.m.
Thur. 4, ECCC T, 7 p.m.

Alumni Up-Dates

Tommie Jean Rowell (T.J.) Huffman ('76) now lives in Brasilia, Brazil. Her husband is a detachment commander of the Marine Security Guards at the American Embassy in Brazil. She is currently employed in the Military Liaison Office. They have two sons, Christopher, age nine and Matthew, age seven.

Sarah Puckett Grisham, class of '81 and her husband David have added another daughter to their family. Her name is Adrienne Joy, born, March 24, 1988 weighing seven pounds. Adrienne is welcomed by her older sister, Celeste. David is now pastoring in Stone County.

Lynn Moore Sellers, class of '84, and her husband Chuck became the proud parents of a baby boy on September 26, 1988. He was named Jason Ryan, six pounds and nine and

half ounces. The Sellers are residents of Shuqualak, Miss.

Glenn Shows, class of '70, and his wife Kathy welcomed a daughter Krista Joy Shows on October 21, 1988, who weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Correspondence from Perry Neal, '61, tell us that he entered his 15th year in full time preaching evangelism and 32nd year in the ministry January 5, 1989. He may be contacted for revivals and speaking engagements by writing to him at 4418 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, AL 36109.

Recruiters

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those who are not knowledgeable of the meaning of the term "probation" that Clarke's probationary status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools does not mean that other institutions will not accept work done at Clarke, rather it means that the Level I Committee on Criteria and Reports of SACS believes that Clarke College has some problems that need to be addressed before reaffirmation can take place.

If you believe in Clarke College, then please help us recruit students, for if you do not, despite the increased Convention support, Clarke's future is bleak. We do not want to keep the memory of Clarke alive. We want to keep Clarke College alive!

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Clarke College and S.A.C.S.

By: James C. Read

In the Spring of 1987 a reaccreditation committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visited the Clarke College campus as a part of the normal reaccreditation process (such reaccreditation visits come at ten year intervals). As a result of that committee's report, Clarke College was placed on "Notice" by the Level I Committee on Criteria and Reports in December, 1987, with thirty "recommendations" (areas where Clarke College must improve its operation). In December 1988, after one year on "Notice," Clarke College was placed on "Probation" because some of those "recommendations" had not been resolved to the Committee's satisfaction. Also the Level I Committee on Criteria and Reports called for a special committee to visit Clarke College in the Fall of 1989 to determine what progress had been made to implement the remaining "recommendations." As a result of the report of that special com-

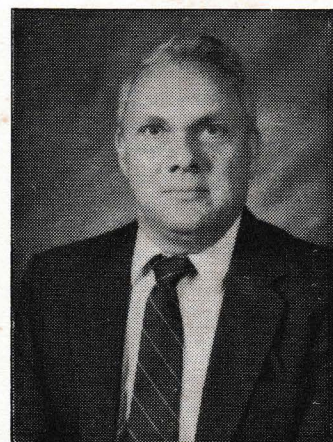
mittee, in December, 1989, Clarke College was placed on "Probation" for the final year such a status can be maintained.

Now the recommendations which Clarke College has to implement are down to two, developing a comprehensive long-range plan and documenting Clarke has "adequate financial resources." A special committee will come down again this coming fall to determine if Clarke College has complied with these two "recommendations." If that committee determines Clarke College has not complied, we will be dropped from membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at the December, 1990 S.A.C.S. Meeting. Such regional accreditation is essential for a junior college so its students can transfer to a senior college with a minimum of difficulty. A loss of regional accreditation would be a fatal blow to Clarke College.

The comprehensive long-range plan is in the

process of being written, based on long-range planning already done in certain areas. Documentation of adequate financial resources, however, is much more difficult to accomplish. This can partially be done by Clarke College finishing in the black financially for the second consecutive fiscal year (1988-89 and 1989-90) and by documenting to S.A.C.S. that for the third straight year the Mississippi Baptist Convention has fulfilled its promise of allocating an additional \$55,000 to eliminate Clarke College's "cumulative deficit."

What else needs to be done in this area of finances to prove that Clarke College has an adequate financial base? There are four things that can be done. **First**, Clarke College's alumni and friends must increase their contributions to our annual fund drives. Already this fiscal year (1989-90) we have experienced a significant increase in annual fund giving over the last fiscal year (1988-89). This trend of increased annual fund giving must continue. **Second**, Clarke College must gain additional students to increase our revenue from tuition and fees and to fully utilize our existing physical facilities. **Third**, we must convince the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to reverse its 1983 decision to phase out Clarke College's one-fourth of the so-called "administrative funding" of Mississippi Baptist higher educa-



James C. Read

tion. S.A.C.S. officials can only view this action of our sponsoring agency, the Mississippi Baptist Convention, of withdrawing its support as eroding away our financial base. **Fourth**, Clarke College must begin to build up its undesignated endowed funds to create a source of revenue not affected by changes in Convention priorities or any backlash against supporting Baptist higher education in Mississippi.

This is the year (1990) that will determine the future of Clarke College or whether the College has a future. With your support in gaining additional students and funds, Clarke College will overcome this threat to its existence, as it has many other equally serious threats over the last eighty-one years. I believe Clarke College still has a God-given mission and, as long as we seek to fulfill that mission, God's power will protect and His Holy Spirit will lead Clarke College. Do you believe as I do?



Campus Corner

The Voice of BSU

The BSU has enjoyed an exciting spring semester. We have had several exciting singspirations. We have enjoyed volleyball games and fellowships at FBC Newton. This was a time for ministerial students and others to enjoy a time together. We have also enjoyed several trips to Meridian for bowling.

The week of March 20-22 was setting for outstanding and heartfelt Spiritual Emphasis Week. Our guest, Mr. John "BULL" Bramlett brought four wonderful messages. On Wednesday night, Mr. Bramlett spoke to a packed crowd at FBC Newton. Mr. Bramlett is a former pro-baseball and football player. He played two years with the St. Louis Cardinals in baseball. He played seven years of football with Denver, New England, Miami and Atlanta football teams. During his stay in Newton, several decisions were made. A number of students excepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior by making professions of faith. We feel very grateful for Mr. Bramlett's stay here on campus. We wish him the best of luck in the future. One may contact Mr. Bramlett for further service by contacting the BSU at Clarke.

A number of our students are looking forward to LTC on March 30 - April 1 at Gulfshores Baptist Assembly.

We are also looking forward to Spring Fling on May 1 at Roosevelt State Park in Morton. This is an end of the year bash.

1990-91 BSU Council

President, Ronnie Pannell, a Soph. Religion Major from Gulfport, MS; V. Pres., David

Fedrick, a Fresh. Music Major from Yazoo City, MS; Bible Study/Morning Watch Chairman, Ray Files, a Fresh. Religion Major from Philadelphia, MS.; Fellowship/Singspiration Chairman, Deborah Risher, a Fresh. Music Major from Morton, MS; Evangelism Chairman, Jon Fancher, a Fresh. Religion Major from Alabaster, AL; Missions Chairman, Angie Hebert, a Soph. Religion Major (Missions Volunteer) from Homer, LA.; Recreation Chairman, Bret Prather, a Fresh. Liberal Arts major from Canton, MS; Revival Teams Chairman, Dan Woodard, a Soph. Religion major from Long Beach, MS; Church Worship Chairman, Julius Harbison, a Fresh. Religion major from Newton, MS; Married Student Representative, Jymmie Martin, a Fresh. Music major from Newton, MS; Athletic Representative, John Wayne Dowers, a Fresh. Liberal Arts major and a member of the baseball team from De Quincy, LA.

Rev. J.B. Costilow (Bro. C, to all of us at Clarke) will be retiring from his position as BSU Director in May, 1990. He will assume duties as Alumni Director on June 1.

"Bro. C" has touched the lives of hundreds of students as they passed through the halls of Clarke College in his 33 years of service. His influence and example will linger in the hearts of faculty and students alike as they remember his cheerful leadership and champion "whistle".

Four students will be serving in home missions during the summer of 1990: Caryn Treffner - Long Beach, serving at Ridgecrest; David Fedrick -

Jackson, Serving at Glorieta; Jeff York - Gulfport, Awaiting assignment; Tammy Bounds - Philadelphia, Serving in Pennsylvania.

Phi Theta Kappa

Clarke College Phi Theta Kappa Academic Fraternity inducted 11 new members on April 13. These students must obtain a 3.25 quality point average to be invited to become members of PTK. They must maintain a 3.0 average to remain in the organization.



"Who says you can't have your cake and eat it too?"

Religion Department

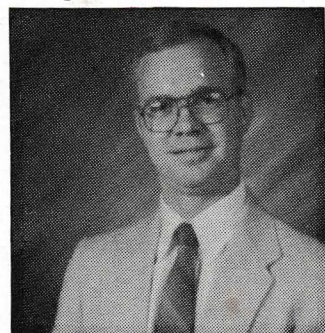
By: Dr. John Dent

The Religion Department at Clarke College continues to be a busy place. More than one-third of all students at Clarke College are church-related vocation majors. Approximately one-half of all religion graduates from Mississippi College at Clarke go on to the Seminary. Many of the religion majors currently serve as pastors or other ministerial staff in churches while attending school.

The religion faculty at Clarke this semester is composed of one part-time professor, Dr. Charles Melton and two full-time professors, Dr. John E. Dent, Jr. and Dr. Eddie L. Ruddick. Dr. Charles Melton teaches several courses in the area of Religious Education. Additionally, he serves as the Director of Missions for the Newton County Baptist Association. Dr. John E. Dent, Jr., teaches courses in the area of Greek and New Testament. Additionally, he serves as Interim Pastor of First Baptist Church, Marion, MS and Chaplain in the Mississippi Air National Guard. Dr. Dent also serves as the coordinator for the Mississippi College at Clarke program. He has also just completed teaching a course for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at the Clinton extension. Dr. Eddie L. Ruddick, Chairman of the Department of Religion primarily teaches courses in

the area of Old Testament. Additionally, he serves as Interim Pastor of Harperville Baptist Church, Harperville, MS and is writing Sunday School lessons for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Dr. Ruddick is also teaching courses for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on the campus at Clarke College.

All three religion faculty members are very busy not only with the courses they teach on campus, but they are also busy with other areas of ministry to which God has called them. These dedicated men ask that you pray for their ministry at Clarke College. They also invite you to come and visit their classes when you visit the campus. Finally, they ask that you send them names of students who will be church-related vocation majors so that they might contact them about the training they might receive at Clarke College.



Dr. John Dent

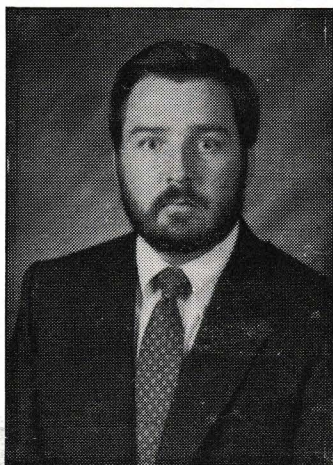


Math and Science

By: Ted Wilson,
Dept. Head

Exciting things are happening in the Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. The course offerings are being expanded to include four new math classes. These include an Intermediate Algebra course to better prepare students for college algebra, Finite Math for the business majors and two courses in Calculus.

The Science Department is



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now utilizing computers as tutorial aids and for laboratory instruction.

This past year the software "Body Language" has been acquired and will allow the student, through computer graphics, to explore the human body systems. Additionally, a computer based EKG and physiograph have been purchased. These will greatly enhance our physiology labs in both General Biology & Anatomy and Physiology.

The library holdings have been weeded and some new volumes added. Additional books and audio visuals will be purchased when funds are available.

We have received numerous inquiries into our summer offerings for 1990 and expect to have our largest enrollment in recent years.

Finally, Clarke is involved in a matching grant program with a national computer cooperation. This will result in a substantial boost to our computer lab and allow more extensive utilization of new technology in our classrooms.

Department of English

This spring semester the Department of English at Clarke College is offering various courses to meet the needs of the students. Courses in English Composition, English Literature, and American Literature cover the requirements of students at different levels. In the English Composition classes, the freshman students are busily engaged in writing research papers on a critical analysis of the writings of an American or an English writer. These students are learning the methods of research as well as increasing their writing skills, their knowledge of literature and their ability to analyze the writings of a well-known writer.

In the Survey of English Literature classes, the sophomore students are broadening their outlook on life by studying the works of the masters of English prose and poetry, such as those of Thomas Carlyle and Alfred Lord Tennyson. Those

students who are acquiring a minor in English are taking American Literature as part of their required courses. This course spans American Literature from the writings of William Bradford through those of William Faulkner. Along with gaining knowledge of the economic, political, social and religious background that forms a part of their heritage. Additionally, each student enrolled in one of these English courses reads a novel by an English or an American writer and writes a review of it. All of these courses are designed to give the students a thorough educational background in English.

Dr. Charlotte Worley,
Department Head

Dr. Worley will be retiring at the end of the 1989-90 school year. She, in her years of service at Clarke, has made a lasting contribution to the lives of her students.



Clarke College Panthers Baseball Team

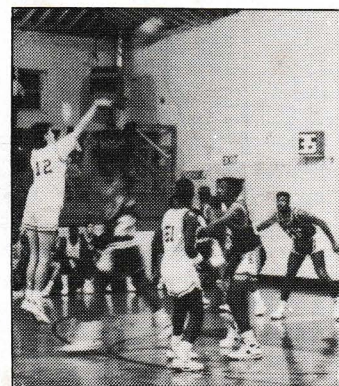
Outstanding Athletes

The Clarke College Panthers baseball team received their first ever national ranking on April 3, when national junior college ratings were published. The Panthers came in 16th in the nation on this date. More recently published polls show the Panthers' ranking to be 15 with a current record of 24-9. GO PANTHERS AND COACH RENFROW.

The 1989-90 Clarke College basketball team has some success but not as much as Coach Ricky Lindsey would have liked. "We won more games than the school had won over the last five years combined and finished higher in the conference than they had in the last five years, but we are still a long way off. Hopefully, with the kids that I am bringing in for the 90-91 season, we can do things more in the way to

which I am accustomed.

It was a very hard first year and I knew it would be since I got here about one week before school started, and was unable to do any recruiting. Hopefully, with this being my first recruiting class, we can have a good year in 90-91 here at Clarke."



Basketball Action

Alumni Updates...

Jerry and Carol Bingham ('88) are parents of a new son, Jeremy Daniel, who weighed 9 lbs. at birth. He is welcomed by sister Cara.

Rev. Wayne Duggin, former Clarke faculty member, is now serving as Homeless Coordinator for two East Tennessee counties and organist in his church. He now resides in Rockwood, TN.

Bryan ('74) and Mary Bryant ('79) Burt of Newton welcome their second son, Landon Bryan, born Jan. 8, 1990. Landon is also welcomed by older brother, David, 6 years old.

Below is a letter received recently which we wish to share with our readers:

February 20, 1990

THE VOICE
P.O. Box 440
Newton, MS 39345

Dear Editor:

I graduated from Clarke College in August of 1952, and have many beautiful memories of my days as a student there. Had it not been for Clarke College and the many ways it assisted me, I doubt very seriously that I would have ever gone to college. Thanks to a confrontive pastor, supporting parents, dedicated faculty, and a little hard work on my part the impossible became a reality. I finished at

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Music Department

The Clarke College Singers' spring tour began on Wednesday, March 28. This group, under the direction of Clark Adams, performed for worship services in Georgia and Mississippi. These students are in demand throughout the year for banquets, church services and taped for TV performances.

Piano students from the Clarke College Piano Preparatory Program, under the capable direction of Mrs. Marian Thornton, recently performed in 2 area recitals. On February 13, 29 students played solos in a recital held in the Clarke College Fine Arts Center.

The Clarke College Preparatory Piano students have been active in piano festival participation during the 1989-90 school year.

On November 11, 47 students performed hymns and hymn arrangements in the Newton County Baptist Associational Keyboard Festival held at Clarke College. They received 44 superior ratings and 3 excellent ratings. On January 27, 3 students participated in the District Baptist Keyboard Festival held in Mer-

idian and received 3 Superior ratings.

The District Junior Festival, sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs was held at Neshoba Central Elementary School in Philadelphia on February 3. Fifty-four prep piano students performed solos with 46 Superior ratings, one Superior-plus rating and 4 excellent ratings received.

The Piano Preparatory program has continued to progress and to be a productive addition to the Clarke College Music Department.

Update...

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MC in 1954, and graduated from Midwestern Seminary in 1966.

Please include this little item in your "Alumni Updates". I was recently appointed as Director of Chaplaincy Services for the Missouri Department of Corrections, after having served 11½ years as Staff Chaplain at the Missouri Training Center for Men in Moberly, MO. After finishing up at MC, I went to Arkansas for several years before mov-



Clarke College Singers

Pictured L to R: back row, David Fedrick, Jackson; Lee Youngblood, Hickory; Mike McIlwain, Silas, AL; center row: Terry McNally, Philadelphia; Diane Gomillion, Union; Gina Godwin, Newton; Jimmy Martin, Newton; front row: Misty Smith, Newberry, FL; Meg Griffin, Jackson and Debbie Risher, Morton, and Mrs. Marian Thornton, Accompanist.

ing to Missouri in 1960; although I have lost my accent, I have not lost my love of my Deep South heritage. I have missed very few Sundays preaching and have pastored churches in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri.

Thank you for giving me a little space in the section; every once in a while I read of a classmate's promotion, or retirement, sadly, sometimes of their homegoing to be with

the Lord.

Lee Greenwood came out with a song a few years ago, "Dusty Dixie Roads". It really speaks to my heart. Recently I saw the movie, "Steel Magnolias", and although set in Louisiana, it triggered a vast amount of nostalgia and yearning. Maybe one of these days the Lord will route me back to my roots.

Sincerely,
Jodie E. Jackson, Sr.

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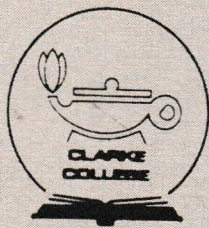
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From The Dean...

Clarke After S.A.C.S.

By: Dr. Jim Read

On October 22, 23, and 24 a special committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will visit the Clarke campus to examine the last two areas of concern the Level I Committee on Criteria and Reports has about Clarke College, long-range planning and financial stability. The long-range plan is in hand and, in terms of financial stability, Clarke just finished the second consecutive fiscal year in the black (1988-89 and 1989-90), with annual fund collections doubling over the previous fiscal year. These facts appear to this writer to be a clear sign that this visiting committee should send a favorable report back to the S.A.C.S. Level I Committee on Criteria and Reports, which would mean reaffirmation of our accreditation in December, 1990.

But what do we do after A.S.C.S.? Much of our effort the last three years has been made for S.A.C.S.'s benefit, so what do we need to do now for ourselves? Clarke College must now begin to address three long-range problems to insure its future. Those problems are in the areas of: increasing enrollment, broadening our financial base, and modernizing our

facilities.

Clarke College must begin a long-range effort to increase our enrollment to fully utilize our existing facilities. There are five stages to achieving this objective. They are:

a. By employing someone experienced in recruiting to direct our Admissions Office. This was done in August when we employed Mr. Wayne Miley as Clarke College's Director of Admissions. His previous work experience includes working with the Mississippi Employment Service as a recruiter for Job Corps and other similar programs.

b. By identifying who our potential students are and targeting our recruiting efforts to get those students. Clarke has neither the personnel nor the financial resources to use the shotgun approach to recruiting. We must determine specifically who our best prospects are and target our recruitment efforts directly at them.

c. By fully utilizing members of the Clarke College family (faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends) in our recruiting efforts.

d. By developing the financial resources we need to enable those students to attend Clarke College through a combination

of endowed scholarships, church sponsored scholarships, institutional financial aid, and government grants and loans.

e. By offering courses that are attractive to students because they meet their needs and stimulate their interests.

Clarke College needs to broaden its financial base to be less dependent on Mississippi Baptist Convention support by taking the following steps:

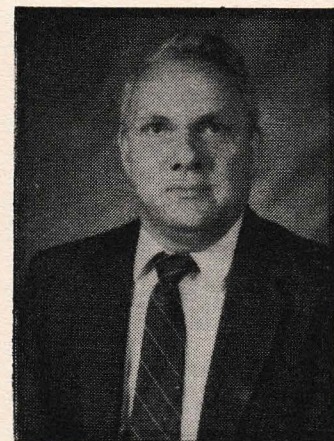
a. By encouraging more Churches to establish scholarships for their members to attend Clarke College (as three churches are now doing). Such scholarships can be used to offset the additional costs of attending a private junior college as opposed to a public junior college.

b. By encouraging alumni and friends of Clarke College to set up additional endowed scholarship funds, emphasizing setting up such funds with as little restriction as possible on who the recipients will be so the College Director of Financial Aid will be free to use her discretion in awarding these scholarships to worthy students.

c. By encouraging the building up of Clarke College's general, undersigned endowed funds, so the interest earned from these funds can be used to offset any possible financial shortfall or for capital expenses.

d. By continuing to increase annual fund giving to the point that one-fifth to one-fourth of the college's total revenue is from annual fund contributions.

Clarke College needs to modernize its facilities by taking the following steps:



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a. By air-conditioning the remaining dormitory rooms that are in regular use, so all students will have air-conditioned rooms.

b. By installing lighting on the Clarke College Baseball Field to replace the old lighting that was taken down when the baseball field was expanded.

c. By expanding the stacks of the Sanders Memorial Library, which would require a ground level addition on the northwest corner of the library.

d. By building a Chapel with a seating capacity of 300-400 between the Lott Fine Arts Building and the Sanders Memorial Library with a BSU Center in the basement of that building. That Chapel and BSU Center should be built in the memory of Dr. John F. Carter, whose name is synonymous with that of Clarke College, because he unselfishly gave his life to its survival.

These things must be done for Clarke College, not for S.A.C.S., so it can continue to fulfill its God-given mission of educating men and women for service in God's Kingdom here in Mississippi and around the world, as laity or clergy, for our NEXT HUNDRED YEARS.

Clarke College Homecoming

Saturday, December 1, 1990

Lott Fine Arts Building Auditorium

Registration: 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

Program: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon: 11:30 - 1:00 p.m., Clarke College Cafeteria

Presentation of Homecoming Court

Basketball games - Cockrell Gymnasium, 2:00 p.m.

Campus Corner

The Mississippi College at Clarke Program

Dr. John Dent, Jr. Coordinator
Since the union with Clarke in 1982, *Mississippi College* has provided an opportunity for students in selected majors to continue their studies on the Newton campus after graduation from *Clarke College*. This program has enabled hundreds of religion majors to complete a four-year program resulting in the awarding of a *Bachelor of Arts* degree from *Mississippi College*.

During the current 1990-91 academic year, there are 24 students majoring in religion who are either juniors or seniors. Upon their graduation approximately one-half of these students attend one of six seminaries owned and operated by Southern Baptists. (Many of these students will attend *New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary* due to its geographical proximity.)

During the time these students are enrolled in the MC @ *Clarke* program, many of them minister in local churches. Primarily, these students provide leadership to many of the smaller churches in both the *Newton County Baptist Association* and the *Scott County Baptist Association*. The *Clarke College* Religion Faculty works closely with the Directors of Missions in nearby associations to help secure places of service for these students.

During their junior and senior year, these students make a difference on the *Clarke College*

campus. Many of them serve in leadership capacities in various campus organizations. The maturity they provide to the campus furthers a sense of Christian commitment among other students.

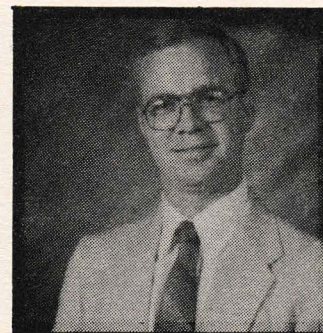
Currently, there are three faculty members who teach extensively in the MC @ *Clarke* program. They are: Dr. Eddie L. Ruddick, Chairman of the Department of Religion, *Clarke College*; Dr. John E. Dent, Jr., Instructor of Greek and New Testament, *Clarke College*; Dr. Charles Melton, Instructor of Religious Education, *Clarke College* and and Director of Mission for the *Newton County Baptist Association*. This semester there are also two faculty members who teach one course in the MC @ *Clarke* program. They are: Dr. David Briscoe, Pastor, Pelatchie Baptist Church, Pelatchie, MS, and Dr. Frank Harmon, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Newton, MS. These men are doing an excellent job in not only imparting knowledge to students, but also in instilling in them the desire to learn.

Both the students and the faculty in the MC @ *Clarke* program ask for your continued prayer support.

Dr. John E. Dent, Jr. continues to provide administrative leadership for the *Mississippi College at Clarke* program. Dr. Dent's primary ministry is as the Instructor of Greek and New Testament for *Clarke College*.

Additionally, he serves as the Installation Staff Chaplain in (the Meridian Unit of) the Air National Guard. He also teaches Bible studies and supplies for churches. Further, Dr. Dent is a contributing editor for *Christian Computing Magazine* and regularly writes articles, book reviews, and reviews of ministry-related software for various theological journals.

Dr. Dent is also teaching several Adult Continuing Education courses for *Clarke College*. In October he will teach a course entitled *Interpreting the Bible*. In November, he will teach a course for *Clarke College* faculty and staff on WordPerfect 5.1, a popular wordprocessor. During the Spring of 1991 Semester, Dr. Dent plans to teach several other continuing Education



Dr. John E. Dent, Jr.

courses. He will teach WordPerfect 5.1 again. He will also teach a computer course entitled "Ministry-Related Software."

If you would like further information on these courses, write to Mr. Wayne Miley, Director of Admissions, *Clarke College*, P.O. Box 440, Newton, MS 39345. You may also call Dr. Dent at 601-683-3941.

Office of Admissions

The goal of employing a full-time Director of Admissions to coordinate the recruiting process has been accomplished. Rev. Wayne Miley assumed duties as Director of Admissions at *Clarke* on September 1, 1990.

Application forms have been revised to include a page for students to report what sparked their interest in *Clarke College* (former student, current student, college day activities, athletic program etc.)

A daily log of inquiries has been drafted for registering all calls and other contacts by those asking about the school's admissions requirements and academic program.

A rather tight schedule is beginning to take shape with high school programs across the state rapidly filling our calendar. Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings will be used to schedule visits in churches statewide.



Filling out forms

New Computer Lab complete

14 new IBM PS 2 computers have recently been purchased. Eight of these were placed in a computer lab with six being placed in administrative and instructional offices. Purchase of these computers was made possible by donations from alumni and friends of *Clarke College*. These funds were matched five to one by the IBM Corporation.

Donors were: Mrs. Leora

Everett, Hickory, MS, in memory of her sister, Mary Everett and Mr. Bob Hall, Swansboro, North Carolina, son of Mrs. E.L. (Kitty) Clark, deceased.

Installation of this lab will greatly enhance opportunities for students to learn computer usage. New software is now being purchased. These computers are being used in instruction of sciences, calculus and greek.

You're Invited

Christmas Around The Circle Clarke College Campus

Date: Monday, December 3, 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
Alternate Date: Thursday night, December 6 at the same times.

Area Baptist churches responsible for 7 scenes, based on the Biblical account of Christ's birth according to the Gospels and a Lottie Moon scene are: Calvary, Liberty, Clarke-Venable, Good Hope, Newton First Baptist, Hickory, Cross Roads, Beat Line, and Mt. Vernon.

Notes From The Music Department

A roll call of former Clarke students who have been trained in the Music Department would number into the hundreds! They would include ministers of music, children's choir leaders, church organists, church pianists, college professors, music therapists, private piano, organ and voice teachers all over the United States and in foreign countries. By far, the largest group would be alumni in all walks of life who were members of the Clarke College choral groups. Memories of performing with the Clarke College Choir, The Choralaires and Choralettes, or with the Singers on choir tour are nostalgic memories.

The 1990-91 school year in the Clarke College Music Department

began as so many previous ones have: a frantic effort to get all applied music students scheduled and practicing. Freshmen music students facing the shock of Music Theory for the first time. A fresh start with a new choral group and plans for a spring choir tour.

The Preparatory Piano Program which was organized six years ago, reports a record number of pre-college piano students enrolled: 68 private piano pupils ranging from grades 1-12 in 7 different area schools.

Clarke College has always been outstanding in training musicians for leadership in church related vocations as well as secular vocations and will continue to offer quality training.

Voice of BSU

This year in BSU has gotten off to a good start. We began with a weekend council retreat to plan and reaffirm goals for the year followed by an exciting BSU welcome party with over 40 students and faculty in attendance.

On September 12, the BSU was responsible for chapel and the council members involved brought a wonderfully informative message about BSU summer missions which has aroused the interest of many on campus. We have had some wonderful gathering for BSU and great fellowship along with open communication with speakers who have come to speak at BSU gatherings. We attended the State BSU Convention at First Baptist Church, Clinton. We had a large number of students to go. The convention was Sept. 28 - 30.

For our fall retreat we had a good number of students sign up to go. We went to Central Hills Baptist Retreat where speaker, Jim Yates, and music man, Robert Mullins, led us in a worshipful fun filled weekend, with the theme we adopted "Above and Beyond the Call". The date was Oct. 12-13.



BSU in action

We are also planning recreational gatherings such as bowling trips and a hayride. We have several evangelists lined up to come and speak to us. Among them Rev. Glenn Savell, who came and lead a campus revival October 22-24. This promises to be a good and productive time, we think, because the best way to keep a man from getting kicked while he's down is to keep him up.

News about up-coming events involving BSU is now being brought to the students in the form of a monthly newsletter which began in October. This, we hope, tells the students that WE WANT THEM INVOLVED. We are always looking for ways to raise money for BSU summer missions and Lottie Moon.



Ann Brannon

The Meilstrups

Dr. Chester Swor

Highlights - 1990

Special guests who visited our campus during the fall term were:

Ann Brannon, Senior nursing student at Mississippi College, who served as BSU Summer Missionary in Israel summer, 1990. Ann spoke to CC BSU members on September 17 giving outstanding details of her trip.

Sherrie Walker (Mrs. Dennis D.) Meilstrup, Southern Baptist Missionary to Argentina and

her husband were guests for chapel services on Oct. 10. Mrs. Meilstrup, appointed 1985, is a native of Meridian, MS. She is a graduate of MS College with a Bachelor's degree in education. She is a church and home worker in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dr. Chester Swor was guest speaker on the Clarke College campus in April, 1990. This outstanding Christian lecturer went home to be with the Lord on September 18, 1990.

Athletic Department

The excitement on campus is beginning to fill the air with the expectation of college basketball around the corner. After a year without a women's team, Clarke College will be back in action with a men's and women's team this year.

New Women's Coach, Steve Curtis, a former Ole Miss assistant, and returning men's coach, Ricky Lindsey, have high hopes for the '90-'91 campaign. Both coaches are confident that they will be in the thick of the conference title race.

The Clarke men have a 30 game schedule and the women are playing a 26 game schedule.

Fall baseball is underway at Clarke with new head coach, Bryan Burt. The 27 team members will be trying to regain the national attention the 1990 team received. Clarke will be playing a 48 game schedule in 1991.

The coaches would like to encourage all alumni to support Clarke's efforts in providing quality athletic programs. Be a part of Panther Pride!



1990-91 Lady Panthers basketball team.

Alumni Office

The Clarke College Alumni Office reports that the classes of '62, '63, '64, '69, '70, '71, '51, '52, '53, '73, '74, '75, '79, '80 and '81 met for their reunions in the summer of 1990. All groups combined had over 125 people present. They met and talked, met and ate, met and planned. They seemed to be meeting at all times! The fellowship and the Clarke Collège "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" was evident throughout the gatherings. There was an evidence of vital interest in the past, present, and future of Clarke College. Memories brought each class close together. They plan to have reunions more often than in the past.

The Clarke College alumni and friends are invited to a breakfast on Wednesday morning, Nov. 14, 7:30 to 9:30 in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church during the MS Baptist Convention. Come and invite others to come with you. Your officers: President, President Elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, will be elected at this meeting. In the succeeding years, each officer will move up and this means that the Second Vice President will be the only one elected each year. You will enjoy the fellow-

ship and being a part of Clarke in action.

We are trying to up-date the alumni rolls. This means we need your help. If you, or someone you know is not receiving current information, then we need your name, address and also your phone number. **This is important.**

Other plans include organizing 10 to 20 alumni chapters in MS. If you are asked to serve in a chapter, please accept the responsibility gladly. Always be ready to attend any chapter in your area. As an alumnus and/or friend of Clarke College, you are an important person.

Alumni Updates

Vaughn Gardner, '83, is now pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Moultrie, GA.

Gary McCormick, '74, is pastor of Bayou View Baptist Church, Gulfport, MS.

Bryan Burt, '74, has joined the Clarke College Administrative Staff as Director of Student Services and Baseball Coach. He and his wife, Mary, who is also serving on the CC Staff as Admissions Clerk, reside on



campus. They have two sons, David and Landon.

Billy Brewer, '65, coach at J.A. Davis Middle School, Bessemer, AL, recently received meritorious service awards from the AL High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association.

Carla McNally, '87, is now employed as Recreation Therapist with Laurelwood Treatment Center, Meridian, MS.

Fund Chairperson

Ernestine Burns, Newton, MS will be serving as our Annual Fund Chairperson for 1990-91. Ernestine is a former faculty member of Clarke College, having served as Dean of Women and Instructor of Psychology, 1949-67 and Dean of Students 1970-75.

Alumni will be receiving a letter from Ernestine soon con-

cerning the 1990-91 Annual Fund campaign.

Library

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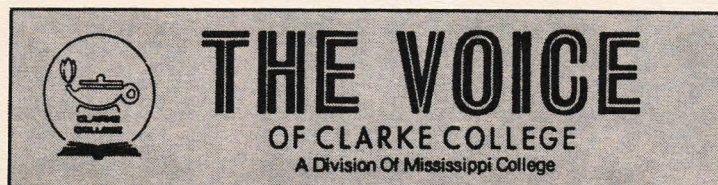
Activity is in full swing at Sanders Memorial Library. Students are busy with research and studying and the staff is busy ordering and processing new materials to replace extensive weeding conducted last year.

The Microprinter bought with memorial gifts by alumni and friends of Clarke College is in place in the library. The Learning Lab, housed in the Reading Room of the library, is being used by students for tutorial and personal improvement as well as for class assignments.

Alumni and friends of Clarke College are invited to come by the library when you are on campus and reminisce, visit, and see the changes.

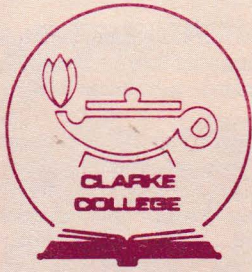
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The Imperative of Achieving Balanced Financial Support



By James C. Read

Clarke College, like its sister Baptist colleges, operates on the financial support provided by a triad of sources. These three sources are: support from the Mississippi Baptist Convention; support from students' tuition and fees; and support from contributions from alumni and friends of the college. For a college such as Clarke to have the kind of financial stability that it needs, the financial support from these three sources needs to be in near balance (about one-third of the college's revenue coming from each source). Sadly, this has not been the case with Clarke over the last few years.

Clarke College has been too reliant on support from students' tuition, which has risen from \$35.00 a semester hour in the 1980-81 academic year to \$102.00 a semester hour in the current 1990-91 academic year, and on support from the Mississippi Baptist Convention, which reached a low point in 1986-87 of \$226,863.00 as a result of the revised funding formula adopted by the MBC Education Commission in 1984 that had reduced Clarke's Convention support by about 12% per year. Convention support rose to a high of \$331,771.00 in 1989-90 due to a favorable vote by the overwhelming majority of the messengers to the 1988 Mississippi Baptist Convention and to a more favorable attitude toward Clarke College among the members of the MBC Education Commission. This increased support was brought about mainly because of the growing realization among Mississippi Baptists that Mississippi College was not bankrolling the operation of Clarke College, a misconception many had harbored as a result of Clarke's merger with Mississippi College in 1981.

It is in the critical area of financial support from alumni and friends, that Clarke College has failed to maintain the essential balance in its financial support. Of the approximately 5,000 alumni and friends that Clarke College

has on its mailing list, only a handful (less than 500) give on an annual basis to the annual fund drives. Clarke's percentage of alumni and friends who give to the annual fund drives is much lower than our sister Baptist colleges in Mississippi. This is the main source of the financial instability which the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Level I Committee on Criteria and Reports has repeatedly cited as a reason for denying Clarke College continued membership in the Southern Association.

Why has this problem in Clarke's financial support occurred? There are three possible reasons for this occurrence.

First, Clarke College is a junior college. Many of our alumni go on from Clarke to attend a senior college, and many of those who go on to a senior college also go on to attend seminary and graduate school. Higher education's alumni tend to feel more loyalty to the last institution that they attended, rather than the first institution. Some of our alumni forget the fact that it was Clarke College that taught them the academic knowledge and the study skills that they needed to succeed in other institutions of higher learning.

Second, most of us receive numerous solicitations from various organizations for financial support in the mail every year. We have become so disgusted with the volume of these request for financial support, that often we automatically throw these solicitations in the wastebasket, often without bothering to ask ourselves, "Is the cause worthy?", and, "What is the extent of that need?" What would your answer be to these two questions, if they were about Clarke College?

Third, many Clarke alumni and friends, who do not have large incomes, might feel that since they cannot make a large contribution, their gift is not needed to reach the annual fund drive goals at Clarke. Those people do not realize that the very thing that enables annual fund drives to reach their goals are those smaller essential individual contributions that come in addition to few large contributions.

Those of us that are members of the Clarke College Family (alumni, faculty, friends, and staff) need to concentrate our energies and more of our financial resources to achieving this essential balance in financial support for our beloved Clarke College. Such a balance will not only enable Clarke College to survive over the next few years, but it will also enable Clarke College to expand its own unique ministry to Mississippi and to Southern Baptists to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS OF REV. NATHAN CLARKE STILL ENCOURAGES

By James C. Read

In February, 1991, Clarke College received a substantial contribution from Mr. Richard M. Harris and his wife Nancy. Mr. Harris is the great nephew of Rev. Nathan Clarke, the guiding force behind the movement to found Clarke College and its namesake. Mr. Harris, in a letter accompanying his donation, described how Bro. Clarke had an indirect influence on him through his grandmother, Mrs. Eunice Amelia Harris, Nathan Clarke's niece, in whose memory he was making his contribution to the Clarke College Annual Fund.

Mr. Harris' letter pointed out the long lasting influence our Christian witness can have on others. Bro. Clarke helped lead his niece Eunice Amelia to the Lord. In writing about her, Mr. Harris stated, "She was a warrior for Christ her whole life." He went on to write, "One wouldn't know her very long before she would ask if you knew the Lord." All of us should take a lesson from these two individuals and let the light of our Christian witness shine, so others may see Christ in us and be drawn to our Lord. If we do this, our Christian witness, like that of Rev. Nathan Clarke, will continue for generations, glorify our Lord and lead countless others to Him.

An Excerpt from Mr. Harris' Letter:

Nathan Clarke was the maternal uncle of my Grandmother, Mrs. Eunice Amelia Williams Harris.

When I was a youngster my Grandmother often told me of Nathan. She always said he was the best man she ever knew, and the worst thing she ever heard him say was "MY GOODINESS!" when he had burned himself on the stove.

Richard M. Harris

IMPORTANT EVENT

Highschool Preview day and Alumni Reception

Saturday, April 20, 1991

9:00 A.M. - Registration

Music Program - Clark College Choir

Panthers Baseball Game - 1:00 P.M.

News From The Admissions Office

The Office of Admissions is an exciting place to be this time of year. So many positive things are happening. Our first spring open house and preview day will be Wednesday, February 27, and will already be history by the time you read this. We are expecting prospects from all over the state. As hard as it is to remain cautious in my optimism, the statistics show there is reason for excitement. The number of applications already received for the fall semester is triple what it was last year at this same time. This margin has been consistent through January and February but the only way it will continue may be by more hard work. Although things look positive, it's not a time to rest on what we've done. Actual statistics are not available to compare the number of on campus visits with this time last year. However, we have seen a steady stream of prospects during February and we haven't even held the first of three preview day programs. (Feb. 27; Mar. 22; Apr. 20). These program days have been advertised in several state Baptist publications and county papers in our area. Large turnouts are expected on each date.

All of these numbers are exciting but not what's most exciting. What really excites me are the individual students who have already said "I've decided I'm going to Clarke College!" and are represented by these numbers. I can't help but get enthusiastic with the caliber of young men and women who are saying they will be with us in a few short months.

Since last October 1 when this journey into recruiting began, I've added over 15,000 miles to the odometer reading on the little grey Nissan. I have had contact with 181 schools personally and with assistance from J.B. Costilow, Evelyn Williams, and Tammy Parkes an additional 24 schools have been visited. Twenty seven churches have also been called upon. As I have traveled these many miles with lots of time to think, thinking often turns to praying. I have really prayed the Lord would send us a dynamic student body next year. While I've prayed, I've also worked. I believe this is the combination we need. The Lord is going to give us a tremendous blessing. I believe it in my heart and I am seeing it more each day with my eyes. (Hebrews 6:10)

Wayne Miley, Director
Admissions and Recruiting

LEARNING LAB IN PROCESS AT CC

By: Juan Williams, Director

Plans to Open the Learning Lab full-time in the fall of 1991 have been completed and submitted for approval. Programs for improving basic skills in reading, grammar, vocabulary, and study skills will be available for independent study by students who desire to elevate their skills in any of these areas.

The various programs presently available for student use will be moved from the library

to the lab and tutoring on a limited basis will be an added feature. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this learning opportunity which is being expanded and offered as a service to Clarke students.

CLARKE'S PREP PIANO PROGRAM A SUCCESSFUL VENTURE

A dream became reality in the fall of 1985, when the Preparatory Piano Program was organized at Clarke College.

Mrs. Marian Thornton, CC music faculty member, developed a curriculum for private piano lessons and enrolled students from the Newton Schools. Mr. Jeff Hardy, local musician, was enlisted as the second teacher to handle the numbers of students.

In the past six years, an average of 65 students, grades 1-12 have been enrolled, annually from Newton and surrounding counties.

These students have all maintained membership in the Newton Jr. Music Club, an affiliate of the National Federation of Music Clubs. They have received outstanding ratings in keyboard festivals sponsored by Federated Music Clubs.

It can be said that the Clarke College Preparatory Piano Program has been a successful venture, as the statistics reveal. However, the true benefits will be seen in the lives of the piano students in years to come. The study of music has helped them to develop a love for music and gain skills that will bring them enjoyment as well as blessing others and glorifying God through music.

Clarke's Oldest Alumnus PEARL NORMAN MOORE

October 13, 1887 - January 28, 1991

In the obituary column in the NEWTON RECORD of Jan. 30, 1991, there is an announcement of the death of Pearl Norman Moore, who was 103 years of age at the time of her death in Ohio. She was still writing lucid, coherent letters until about a year before she died, letters that indicated she was still getting a great deal out of life.

She was married to Will B. Moore and after he died she moved to Ohio to be near her son.

As readers may note, Mrs. Moore's passing concludes an important chapter in Newton's and Clarke College's history.

LIBRARY LETTER

Dear Alumni;

Research activity at Clarke Memorial Library has kept the students and staff busy this semester. Term papers and reports are just one aspect of library activity. Over 600 new books have been processed so far this year. The extensive weeding last year has left some subject areas wanting and requests from faculty have been coming in all year.

The library is getting a "face-lift". The circulation desk has been refinished and tables are being stripped and refinished by our campus maintenance department.

Years of wear and tear have taken their toll on this fine oak furniture but they are coming back from the maintenance department looking as good as new.

Friends and alumni wishing to place memorial gifts in the library are encouraged to do so. A fund is set up in the business office and your gifts will be acknowledged and appreciated. Friends and alumni are invited to visit the library when you are in Newton.

CLARKE COLLEGE COMPUTER CAMP By Dr. John E. Dent, Jr.

Introduction

Clarke College Computer Camp will be in operation during June, 1991. At the end of the last summer, through a matching funds grant from IBM, Clarke College purchased 13 computers. Eight of these IBM computers (mostly model 30, Color VGA, 20Mb Hard Disk) are housed in the Clarke College Computer Lab, located in the Science Building. These computers have been used by several computer classes taught by Mrs. Sue Ford & Dr. John E. Dent, Jr. Additionally, the lab has been used to teach several Adult Continuing Education Courses. Further courses are planned for March or April. Finally, the Clarke College Computer Lab is open 20 hours per week for student use.

Description

Clarke College Computer Camp (CCCC) is a week long program designed for high school students and 1-3 grade students. Both age groups will "hands-on" experience with each student sitting in front of a computer. Each camp will be offered one or more times, depending upon student registration (there must be at least 4 students in each class). Class size is limited to a maximum of eight students.

CCCC for high school students teaches the basic fundamentals of Word Perfect 5.1. This course is specifically geared to those students who have little or no experience with computers or with Word Perfect 5.1. The aim of this course is to provide students with the basic skills necessary to write a paper using Word Perfect 5.1. Word Perfect 5.1 is the best and most used wordprocessing program in America today. This course will be taught for two hours per day for five days.

CCCC for 1-3 grade students teaches basic math operations, history, geography, and helps the student learn how to tell time. Programs are specifically geared toward children in the 1-3 grades. A shareware copy of each program used will be provided to each student following completion of this course. This course will be taught for two hours per day for five days.

The instructor for both of these courses is Dr. John E. Dent, Jr. Dr. Dent has been using computers for more than eight years. He is a contributing editor for *Christian Computing Magazine* and has written software reviews for *The Theological Educator*, the *Review and Expositor*, *Christian Computer Users Association*, *Southern Baptist Computer Users Group*, as well as other publications. Additionally, Dr. Dent has taught several computer courses at Clarke College and serves as a computer consultant.

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MC at Clarke Enrollment

Student enrollment for the Fall 1990 Semester in the MC@ Clarke Program was 24. There were five students who completed their coursework for the B.A. degree in December. These students will graduate in May. Despite the loss of enrollment of these five students, the Spring 1991 Semester enrollment for the MC@ Clarke Program is 25. Six new students began their course work in January. Other students plan to complete their coursework this semester for graduation in May.

Student Participation

The MC@ Clarke program provides student leadership in many different areas on the campus at Clarke. Most of the students participate in the Baptist Student Union and the Ministerial Association. Many of the MC@ Clarke students take leadership roles in these and other various campus organizations

Faculty

The two faculty members who teach most in the MC@ Clarke Program are Dr. Eddie L. Ruddick and Dr. John E. Dent, Jr. Dr. Ruddick serves as the Chairman of the Department of Religion at Clarke College; his duties primarily

involve teaching in the area of Old Testament. Dr. Dent serves as the coordinator of the MC@ Clarke Program; his duties primarily involve teaching in the area of New Testament and Greek.

Additionally, many of the Clarke College faculty (full-time, part-time, and adjunct) teach courses with students who are enrolled in the MC@ Clarke Program. During the Spring 1991 Semester, Dr. Laura Barge of Columbus, MS is teaching several courses in English for MC@ Clarke students. Further, Dr. Charles Melton, Director of Missions for Newton County, and Dr. Frank Harmon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton, each teach a course for MC@ Clarke Students.

Conclusion

The Spring 1991 Semester is an exciting time at Clarke College. One of the reasons for this excitement is the existence of the MC@ Clarke Program. Students enrolled in this program and faculty who teach in this program make a valuable contribution to the work of God's Kingdom through their participation. Please continue to pray for us.

For information concerning the MC@ Clark Program, call Dr. John E. Dent, Jr. at (601) 683-3941 or write to him in care of Clarke College, P.O. Box 440, Newton, Ms 39345.

Alumni Updates

A few lines from a letter received recently from Ronnie Cottingham: "I am beginning my tenth year in full-time music evangelism and it all began at Clarke College!" Beverly is a registered nurse and we're the proud parents of two daughters, Christie, Age 15 and Jennifer, Age 13.

Ronnie Cottingham
Jus' Jesus Ministries, Inc., Lucedale, MS
Dennis and Judith Hale
Baptist Mission to Spain of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC: "The needs in Spain remain very much in our hearts, and we ask that you pray with us that you pray with us that the Lord will raise up national leaders to carry forward the plans for growth and ministry there."

Roberta W. Tatom is currently the Executive Director of the Downtown Rescue Mission of Huntsville, AL, a Christian shelter presently housing approximately 325 men, women and children.

Tim and Naomi Crowell McCaffrey are parents of a new son, Joshua Lee, born July 4, 1990.

Voice of BSU

By Lawrence White, Director

If I were to try to sum up the Clarke College BSU, I would find myself using many contrasting adjectives to get the idea across to yo.

BSU this year has been busy but casual; intense but comforting; and sharing but calm, to say the least.

We have been involved in such happenings as saving pennies in a jar and all the way to big money missions projects. We've had fellowship and get togethers with as many as 80 students at times to as little as 2 and the joy of the fellowships isn't any different because there is a constant "joy of the Lord".

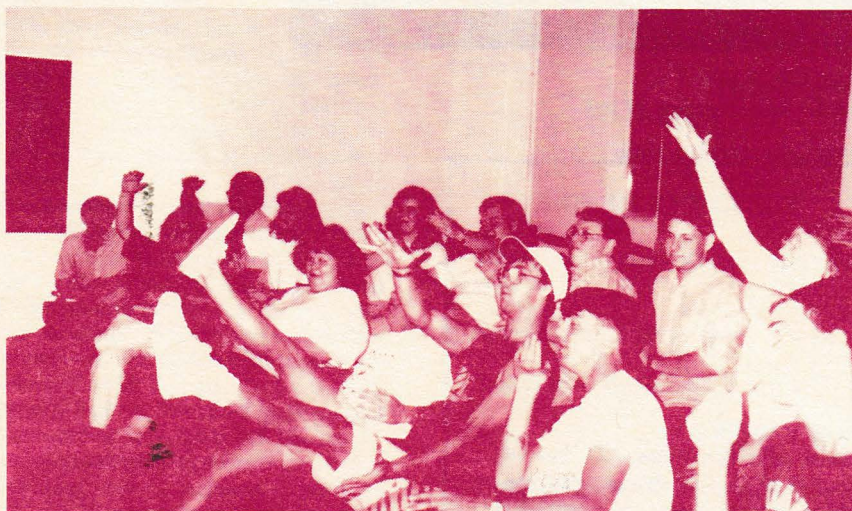
We have accomplished goals this year and are really proud of them. We have raised 110% of our student summer missions goal as of December 21, 1990.

Next year, if it is God's will, we will do even more and create even more excitement on campus. We hope to start a discipleship study and involve many more students with exciting ideas like canoing fellowship, and such as that. We covet your prayers and support for Clarke and the BSU.

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Registration

The total cost for either the courses offered at CCCC is \$99, including the registration fee. The cost covers paper, ribbon, disks, textbooks, instruction, computer use, and the \$20. registration fee. Since class size is limited to a maximum of eight students, parents should send the registration fee to Dr. John E. Dent, Jr., Clarke College, Post Office Box 440, Newton, Ms 39345 as soon as possible. The first eight students to register for each class will be placed in the course; others will be placed on a waiting list for the next class. Dates for the two classes are June 8-12. If more than eight students register for a class, a second section of that class will be offered the following week. Class times are 1-3 PM for high school students and 3-5 for elementary school students. Registration begins immediately and concludes on May 31.



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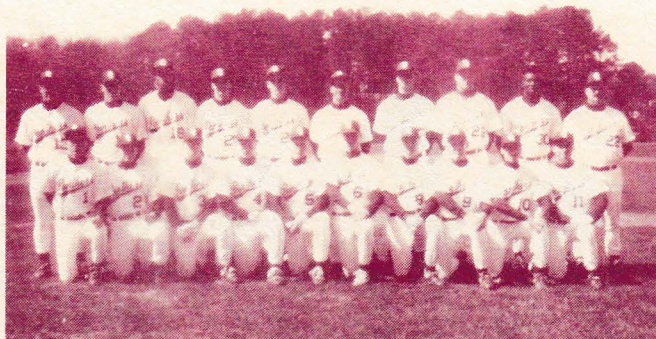
Dr. Eddie Ruddick, Chairman
1990-91

Being A Student in the Clarke Religion Program

Is Clarke College a good place to start your religion program of study? Let's look at the past decade, when our ship has sailed through such troubled seas. Between the fall of 1981 and the fall of 1987, Clarke had enrolled a total of 136 Freshman in Religion. Of these Freshman fifty-three have gone on through the four year program and have graduated from Mississippi College at Clarke. Several have gone to the main campus and are not included, nor are those who have gone to Mobile College, William Carey, Blue Mountain, and Hannibal-Lagrange in Missouri. Of the 53 graduates from MC at Clarke, 38 have entered graduate schools. Seventeen of these are still in graduate school, while 21 have completed their Masters' work and at least one has completed the Doctor of Ministries Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

We are always trying to improve Clarke College and make it better. Mrs. John Dent, Charles Melton, and I have helped to revise the catalogue this Fall. In the 1991-93 catalogue, we will be offering in Bible every course in Bible listed in Mississippi College's recent catalogue. Of the 120 hours required for the BA, 45 hours are in the core curriculum, 18 in the Religion Core, 18 in the area of Concentration, and 21 +/- in the Minor. Our new catalogue, then, will allow 15 to 18 hours of Religion Electives for the average dormitory student.

Is our faculty dedicated to the teaching of God's Word as the truth without error? Get a copy of the The Baptist Student for Oct - Dec., 1991, and read the four lessons on the inspired Word. I enjoyed writing those lessons last Spring and I think your high school seniors ought to read them to find out what the Chairman of the Department of Religion at Clarke College believes about the Word of God. Bring your high school juniors and seniors.



The Sports Program at CC

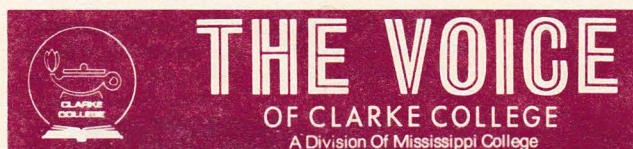
After a year's absence from women's basketball, the Lady Panthers roared back into competition under the direction of Coach Steve Cutis. The Lady Panthers posted an exciting 11-13 record for the 1990-91 campaign.

Men's basketball is as of 2-26-91, 18 wins and 12 losses and anxiously awaiting the conference tournament. Coach Ricky Lindsey's squad has posted the most wins for a Clarke basketball team in several years.

The Clarke baseball team's season is currently underway. The Panther's hope to reach the national attention they achieved in the Spring of 1990. Coach Bryan Burt believes his team will be very competitive in the conference race.



April 11 - Senior Adult Festival - Clarke College; **April 12 - 7:00 pm** - Trinity Baptist Church, Philadelphia, MS; **April 13 - 7:00 pm** - Pass Road Baptist Church, Gulfport, MS; **April 14 - 10:45 AM** - Southside Baptist Church, Meridian, MS; **April 14 - 6:00 PM** - Westside Baptist Church, Bessemer, AL; **April 15 & 16** - Open; **April 17 - 7:00 PM** - First Baptist Church, Newberry, FL; **April 18 - 7:00 PM** - Judson Baptist church, Abbeville, AL; **April 19 - 7:00 PM** - FBC Cottage Hill, Cantonment, FL; **April 20** - Preview & Alumni Day - Clarke College; **April 21 - 11:00 AM** - Mt. Horeb Baptist Church, Meridian, MS; **April 21 - 7:00 PM** - Clarke Venable Baptist Church, Decatur, MS



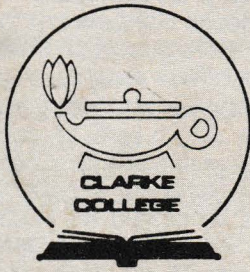
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"Were Not The Right Man On Our Side"

These words of Dr. Martin Luther from his famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", are an accurate description of what has happened at Clarke College over the last two months.



At the end of the spring semester, Clarke

College lost its regional accreditation, being removed from membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for what the Level I (Junior College) Criteria and Reports Committee concluded was an inadequate long-range plan and an unstable financial base. Nothing was cited as being deficient about the academic program, facilities, faculty qualifications or library holdings, all the essential elements for educating students. Enrollment for summer school was down dramatically and two faculty and more than twenty students announced they would not return primarily due to the loss of SACS accreditation. Many were very pessimistic about the fall enrollment, particularly because federal student financial aid (about \$400,000.00 annually at Clarke College) is tied to regional accreditation.

But things began to change for Clarke College beginning in July and August. **First**, thirteen institutions of higher learning (Belhaven College, Blue Mountain College, Crichton College, Florida Baptist Theological College, Hannibal-LaGrange College, Livingston University, Mississippi College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Northeast Louisiana University, Samford University, Southeast Louisiana University, the University of Southern Mississippi, and William Carey College) agreed to continue to accept credits from Clarke College as they always had done and two institutions (Jackson State University and Mobile College)

informed us of an existing way our students could enter their institutions. **Second**, Clarke College was left a bequest by the late Mrs. Ruth Lacy of Meridian, with the stipulation that those funds (approximately \$120,000.00) be used for loans for Clarke Students, and area churches took up a special offering for Clarke College (approximately \$10,000.00 to date) to be used for scholarships for Clarke College students. **Third**, 130 students enrolled at Clarke College for the fall semester, even with those students enrolling as freshmen and sophomores knowing that the choice of institutions to which they might transfer their credits was limited. This means Clarke experienced a one-fifth drop in enrollment from that of last fall (165 last fall), but that drop is much less than the pessimists predicted.

Why has this success occurred? Was it the dedication of Clarke College's faculty and staff who stayed, prayed, and worked despite the fact they have no contracts for the 1991-92 academic year? Was it because of the loyalty of those returning students who decided to return to Clarke College despite its difficulties? Was it the loyalty of Clarke's alumni who continued to pray for and give to support Clarke College? Yes, it was all of those, but just those factors would not have opened Clarke College this year. It took more than all these. It took the "Right Man" on our side. That "Man" is the Lord, and when we stay in His will, we avail ourselves of His power, a power that has no equal on this earth. It is that power that has, is, and will preserve Clarke College.

James C. Read, Dean

To All Alumni of Clarke College

You are invited to the Clarke College Alumni Breakfast on Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS. Come enjoy the food, fellowship and fun.

Religion Department

By Dr. Eddie Ruddick, Chairman

The Summer moved very fast and nearly ended before the locating of our religion alumni was finished. The task of those short nights was tedious and tiring, and the print seemed to get smaller near the beginning of a new day.



Today we are mailing out 1600 letters. We have yet to locate our alumni who just happen to be Missionary Baptists, Methodists, or members of the other denominations who have attended Clarke. Any suggestions from you concerning the names of Annuals and Minutes of Associations which might contain names and addresses of former Clarke religion students would be appreciated.

Were there any surprising facts discovered? Definitely, yes! We did not have 68 foreign missionaries, but instead we had 114 pass through Clarke. The number of pastors currently serving churches was over one thousand. The extensive array of addresses from Vancouver to Miami, Virginia to California, and all points between was striking. We were disappointed in finding so few names of the ladies serving our churches in education, youth, and music positions. This will be a special department emphasis during 1991-92 session.

The number of Clarke alumni receiving doctorates was striking. Alumni like Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy and Dr. Luther Dorr, I had considered as untypically Clarke. However, I found the records of men like Drs. Carroll Freeman, James E. Read, and Jimmy Dukes at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary now. Then there was the outstanding service of Drs. Gene Keebler and Paul Carroll Hancock at Mobile College and J.D. Allen at Florida Bible.

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Christmas on the Circle

Traditions are born on the Clarke College Campus! In the summer of 1990, one of Clarke's staff members said; "Why can't we begin the Christmas season in the right way by creating scenes on the campus representing the Biblical account of Christ's Birth?" The idea was well received by the faculty and staff, area churches were asked to develop and present the different scenes; on December 3, 1990, on a bitter cold Monday night, "Christmas on the Circle" premiered! The message of each scene was presented in a powerful way through visuals, drama and music by the following churches in Newton County: Calvary Baptist, Liberty Baptist, Clarke Venable Baptist, Good Hope Baptist, Newton First Baptist, Hickory Baptist, Mt. Vernon Baptist and Immanuel Baptist of Union. Attendance was approximately 350, far beyond expectations. The tradition will continue in 1991 on Monday night December 2nd, with an alternate date on Thursday night, December 5th in case of inclement weather. There will be three showings at 6:00 p.m., at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to choose a convenient hour and enjoy the pageant.

Mrs. Sally Hart, Business Manager of Clarke College is the overall chairman and Alumni Director. Mrs. Marian Thornton is the assistant.

Alumni Updates

The Clarke College Alumni Office recently received a letter from Mrs. Lorena May Palmer, Atlanta, GA. She is now a resident in Wesley Towers Retirement Home there. Mrs. Palmer stated, "Through the years Clarke College has meant much to Wilbur and me. It was there that we met and later were married. We had 43 years of work in schools in MS and Ark, 41 years of working together. May the Lord continue to bless Clarke College."

Prep Piano Program

The Clarke College Piano Preparatory Program is underway for the 1991-92 session with 50 students enrolled. The Prep Program was organized in 1985 and has served approximately 250 students in Newton County. Students from the Prep Program have made outstanding records at local, district, as well as state piano festivals.

Marian Thornton and Jeff Hardy are the piano teachers.

Alumni Director



Mrs. Marian Thornton

Mrs. Marian Thornton assumed the duties of part time Alumni Director at Clarke College on August 1st, 1991. Mrs. Thornton has been associated with Clarke through the years, serving on the music faculty from 1965-1969.

After teaching at a state Junior College for fourteen years she returned to Clarke in 1985 to direct and teach in the Clarke College piano preparatory program.

Mrs. Thornton is in the process of gathering memorabilia for former students and teachers to enjoy, as they visit the Alumni Room located in the Administration Building at Clarke. Among prized items in the Room are copies of Year Books from 1915, 1922, 1925, 1926, 1927, and 1929. One of the most recent items collected is a newly published book by Mrs. Lucille Bounds Brantley, Class of 1937. The book is Mrs. Brantley's first publication and is the dream of every grandmother: it is entitled *Andy's Special Love* and is written about Andy Wright, her grandson. Mrs. Brantley presented a copy of the book to the 50 year club, of which she is a member.

Mrs. Thornton stated that former students and teachers of Clarke could help the Alumni Office in the following ways: 1. When you change address, please send your new address to the College.. updating Alumni files is an on-going process. 2. Search in your home for old pictures, programs, etc. from Clarke days and share them with the Alumni office, if you can part with them. 3. Catch the "Reunion Spirit" and begin a movement to have your class reunion on the campus. The Alumni Director will help in anyway possible. 4. Come to see us at Clarke!

Clarke College, A Family Tradition

Mrs. and Mrs. Hector Santana and their son, Hector, Jr. were guests on the CC campus in August. Their daughter, Alicia, below left, is beginning her sophomore year at Clarke. Alicia was an infant when her parents were students at Clarke 1971-73. Mr. Santana was a liberal arts major and was employed as student assistant with the CC Maintenance Department.



Voice of BSU

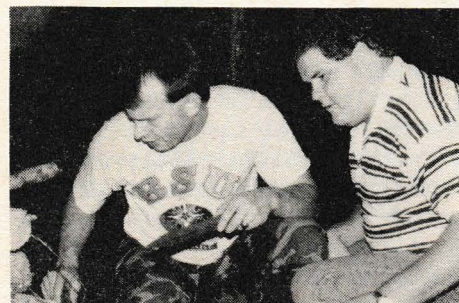
Lawrence White, Director

School is off to a great start and BSU here at Clarke College is now at a steady roll. Already over 100 students have been involved in some phase of the student ministry here at Clarke, some leading, some just following, but all involved somehow.

We started off the year with our traditional welcome party and followed that almost immediately with an outing. The BSU went on a daring trip down "Ripping Rapids" through treacherous turns and even encountered some seemingly "gilled guerillas".

Actually, we went canoing, the rapids were not very rapid, the turns only caused an occasional game of dodge the limb, spider, or whatever else could be hiding over there on the bank, and as for the guerillas.... Let's just say we were not all of the same mind when it comes to ambushes and canoe flipping. To say the least, I got wet.

We have recently attended the State Convention held September 27-29th at Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Jackson, MS. The speaker this year was Louie Giglio and Mack and Shayla Blake were the music guests. We had a great time of fellowship and enrichment. Please keep us here at the BSU in your constant prayers as we try to do each day what God would have us do.



Religion Department continued.....

Dr. A. O. Collins has recently completed more than two decades at Houston Baptist College; he taught in the Religion Department there since its foundation. There are college professors like Drs. Richard Calvin Ethridge at East Central Community College and Bryce Evans at the University of South Alabama. Then, there are Southern Baptist servants like Drs. William Lee at the Home Mission Board, James Ryan of the Sunday School Board, Charles Willard Clark in the Maryland-Delaware Convention, Wyndell Jones in the Iowa Fellowship, Julius Thompson in the Mississippi Convention, and Lawrence Baker, James Barron, Charles Boudreaux, R. Lamont Brown, Gerald Davis, Robert Edwards, Bryan Harbin, Benton Hewitt, Robert Holifield, John Jacobs, John Merritt, Daniel Michael Panter, John Earl Schooler, Wilson Tatum, and Barbara Whittinton among the Foreign Missionaries.

Among the Pastors are the immediate past presidents of the Mississippi Baptist Convention (room mates at Clarke) Drs. James Futral and Eddie Hamilton. Other outstanding Pastors who have doctorates are Drs. Lamar Anderson, Tommy Anderson, Thomas Ayo, Joe Baugh, Pagett Cope, Buford Easley, David Owen Briscoe, Ken Cheek, Nelson Crozier, Lance Cunningham, Clifton Ellis, Wesley Ellis, Rick Evans, Larry Fields, Edward Gandy, Ray Henry, Billy William Wade Henson, Henry Hight, Ivo Livingston, Jimmy Dean Martin, L. H. McCullough, Jimmy Dale Porter, Ben Purvis, Mike Smith, Fred Williams, and Terry Williams.

Ministers are not the only Clarke alumni to earn doctorates. Among the Associate Pastors, Educational Directors, and Church Musicians are Drs. Ken Anderson, S. L. Harris, Raymond Lewis, and Wayne Styres. State and Home Missionaries with their doctorates include Charles Barnes, Gary Breland, James Bryant, Carl Duck, Edmund Lacy, Don Moore, Ira Perkins, Richard Smith, Charles Storey and Milton Williams.

One could go to a medical school's homecoming and not meet that many doctors! Good Students never cease to learn. Can you imagine the amount of knowledge these intellectuals have

acquired since their last academic seminar? What a course in contemporary evangelism, solving modern church problems, or leadership dynamics they could staff! I will not rest well until I have figured out the who, the when, and the how of this idea!

Dr. Ruddick, recently received an assignment from the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, to write material for **The Student**. This is a publication designed for students which is distributed through Baptist Student Union on college campuses.

Dr. Ruddick's article, entitled "God's Word for All People", will be published under the topic titles "God's Inspired Word", Oct. 6; "God's Powerful Word", Oct. 13; "God's Word for You", Oct. 20, and "God's Word for the Lost", Oct. 27. Other topics will be published in November and December issues of **The Student**.

A native of Alabama, Dr. Ruddick is a graduate of Auburn University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. At Clarke College, he teaches Bible survey courses, serves as advisor to the Student Ministerial Association, and is on the Athletic Committee. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Newton, and serves as supply minister for a number of churches in Newton, Lauderdale, Scott and Neshoba Counties.

Come to the M.B. Convention

All Mississippi Baptist alumni of Clarke College are strongly encouraged to attend the annual convention of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on November 11, 12, and 13, 1991, at Jackson First Baptist Church, so you can let your voice be heard on any issues that might involve Clarke College.

PANTHER BASEBALL

The 1991-92 Panther baseball team is off and running - Literally! The fall baseball season is right here and the Panthers are trying to get in shape for their 11 game schedule.

Coach Bryan Burt has welcomed 21 players to practice with only six returning from last year's team.

"I think we have a great mixture of talent and attitude. The attitude

right now would indicate that these guys want to work together to win," stated Coach Burt.

The Panthers will have two home dates during the fall. They look forward to a great year with lots of fan support.



P.E. Students Prepare Intramural Field at CC

Pictured above, Clarke College Physical Education students clear field which is being prepared for expanded intramural sports. Coach Jerry Salley, P. E. Instructor, is director of this project, which will in the near future, include a driving range.

Clarke College Panthers 1991 Fall Roster

Brandon Baker - Fr. - Brusly LA
Mark Carr - So. - Leesville LA
Matt Cochran - Fr. - Hurley MS
Joe Fontenot - So. - Denham Spr LA
Stan Garrett - Fr. - Meridian MS
Bo Haarala - Fr. - Meridian MS
Paul Hand - So. - Newton MS
Jason Jones - So. - Richland MS
Stacy Jones - So. - Denham Spr. LA
Jody Kyzer - So. - Laurel MS
Billy Little - Fr. - Columbus MS
Bradd Meadors - Fr. - Denham S. LA
Rusty Minton - Fr. - Richland MS
David Polson - So. - Laurel MS
Jason Richards - Fr. - Meridian MS
Marlon Robinson - Fr. - Winnfield LA
Shane Stewart - Fr. - Converse LA
Chip Stutzman - So. - Baton Rouge LA
Jay Thurman - So. - Laurel MS
Jeff Thomas - Fr. - Raymond MS
Neil Wesley - Fr. - Vardaman MS

Admissions Office Sponsors New Ambassador's Club

By: Wayne Miley, Director,
Admissions & Recruiting

A gap has existed for some time in our system to reward those students who voluntarily recruit new students for Clarke. The only system of reward was our Ambassador Scholarship which requires that a student recruit at least two full-time students who will reside on campus. There are those who work diligently and never get the necessary response to earn the scholarship. However, their efforts do result in an additional full-time student or maybe several part-time, non resident students. We wanted some system to reward the ones who fell into the gap. We hope we have answered this need with a newly formed Ambassadors Club. Membership is determined after fall and spring semesters' registration. The names of recruiters are accumulated from all applications for admission. The recruiter must be a student currently enrolled in Clarke College. If a recruiter has been named by at least one student as the primary reason they chose Clarke, the recruiter is eligible for membership that year.

Since the club is in its infancy, so is its budget. There are two main purposes in the club. One purpose is to express gratitude to our students who brought someone with them. A second purpose is to encourage others to want to be a part of the club. We believe when students learn about the special privileges given to our Ambassadors, every student will want to be a part.



Meetings will be loosely structured. One will be held each month and will be based around a meal at a nice area restaurant. The first meeting of the fall semester was held September 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Back Forty Seafood Restaurant - South of Forest, MS. Seven of the club members were present along with the sponsor and one guest photographer. We hope to see membership grow which in turn will mean Clarke College will grow.

Clarke College Panthers Fall Schedule - 1991

Sept. 19 - William Carey - A - 4 p.m.
Sept. 26 - Jones - A - 1 p.m.
Oct. 1 - Meridian - A - 4 p.m.
Oct. 5 - MS College - A - 1 p.m.
Oct. 10 - Jones - H - 1 p.m.
Oct. 14 - Meridian - H - 1 p.m.
Oct. 17-18 - USM Tourn. - A - TBA

Salley Joins CC Faculty

Jerry Salley joined the Clarke College faculty in August as Men's and Women's Basketball Coach. Coach Salley has held head coaching positions in several Louisiana high schools and Southern Arkansas University - EL Dorado JC, where his team finished third in the Arkansas State tournament. His years of experience included two state champion track teams and 16 Louisiana quarterfinals teams. Mr. Salley was Louisiana's Mr. Basketball in 1961. The CC Lady Panthers look forward to an enjoyable season in 1991-92 under his leadership.



McArthur Memorial Scholarship

The David McArthur Memorial scholarship was established last year, 1990, by his wife, Nancy, along with friends and classmates. This is a tremendous way to remember David. You can contribute to this scholarship fund through the Clarke College Business Office, P.O. Box 440, Newton, Ms 39345



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THE VOICE

OF CLARKE COLLEGE

NEWTON, MISSISSIPPI 39345

FALL, 1992

TO ALL CLARKE COLLEGE ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Clarke College was officially closed on May 15, 1992. This special issue of THE VOICE is an attempt, by the Alumni Officers, to keep the communication going among the many Alumni and Friends of Clarke. Since this issue is privately funded, any future issues will depend on the interest and support of the readers. A questionnaire on the last sheet will give an opportunity for your response.

Many of you did not get to attend the last Homecoming at Clarke. A copy of the program follows:

CLARKE COLLEGE HOMECOMING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday May 9, 1992
"Fought the Good Fight
...Finished the Course"

The Spirit of Clarke College will continue to live and render service through the many students who have passed this way over the last eighty-three years.

ACTIVITIES OF THE DAY

9:00 Registration and Coffee
9:30 Class Reunions, Alumni
Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Program in Fine Arts
Auditorium
Prelude: Mrs. Marian Thornton
Call to Worship: Holy Ground-
Mrs. Toni Adams
Invocation: Dr. Eddie Ruddick
Congregational Singing: Dr. J.
B. McElroy
Welcome & Recognition: Dr.
James Read

Alumni Choir: Mr. J.B. McElroy
History of Clarke College and
Testimonies: "What Clarke
College Means to Me"

1908-49 Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy

1950-59 Rev. Chester Estes

1960-69 MR.W.D. McClendon, Jr.

1970-79 Mrs. Judy Hall Thompson

1980-89 Miss Gay Luke

1990-92 Mr. David Thurman

Solo: "Found Faithful"- Mr.
Lawrence White

Tribute to Dr. & Mrs. Charles
Melton for 30 year of Service-
Dr. John Dent

Singspiration: Mr. J. B. McElroy
Closing Song: Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Benediction: Dr. John Dent

12:30 Lunch in Cafeteria

A TRIBUTE TO CLARKE COLLEGE

You have been many things to
many people:

You were a Challenge to Missis-
sippi Baptists in the early
years as they struggled to make
their new Christian College
successful. You remained a
challenge through the years at
the struggle to remain success-
ful continued.

You were an Opportunity for a
quality education for those who
came seeking it and you were a
special place of Christian ser-
vice to the dedicated faculty
and staff members who gave of
themselves unselfishly.

You were a Home for hundreds of
students who could afford only
two or three trips home during
the year, and you provided a
family-type atmosphere for stu-
dents, faculty and staff alike.
You were a Spiritual Retreat
where many met the Lord in sal-
vation and where thousands made
life-changing commitments to
Him.

You were a Training Ground for
ministers, youth workers, music

directors, missionaries, work-
ers in Baptist agencies and in-
stitutions, and Christian work-
ers in secular vocations. You
provided evangelism opportuni-
ties through revivals, mission
trips, Summer Missions and
Choir Tours.

You were an Athletic Arena for
those who desired to represent
the Lord on the football and
baseball fields, basketball and
tennis courts.

You were a Friendship Club
which provided formation of
"forever friendship"-those that
last through eternity. You were
a place where young people
looked for and found a Christ-
ian mate to share life with.

As we close this chapter in
history, we hold you up in
Highest Honor and give thanks
for the influence that you have
had on our lives.

"Blessed be the name of the
Lord from this time forth and
forever more." Psalm 113:2

CLARKE COLLEGE ALUMNI BREAKFAST

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION NOVEMBER 11, 1992

There will be an Alumni Break-
fast during the Mississippi
Baptist Convention in Jackson.
The breakfast will be on Wed-
nesday morning, November 11,
from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the East
Fellowship Hall of First Bap-
tist Church, Jackson. Breakfast
will be served from 7:00 - 7:30
and then a short program to
follow. Everyone is urged to
visit with the Alumni Officers
during this breakfast.

HOW IT FELT FROM THE INSIDE

By: Marian Thornton

Life can be compared to "a kaleidoscope that displays varying symmetrical, colorful patterns when rotated." (Webster) At times, the combination of shapes and colors are breathtaking with beauty; at other times, the result of a rotation produces dark shades that are not as pleasant! To those who love Clarke College, the Spring of 1992 will be remembered as an unpleasant combination of patterns in the kaleidoscope of life, as the closing of Clarke College was experienced.

No one knows the pain and the emotional upheaval that this event brought about, more than those who were directly involved: the student body, the faculty and the staff. Emotions were rampant: disbelief, anger, confusion, helplessness - and finally resignation and tears! Some students were second and third generation children of Clarke Alumni and they now realized that the family tradition of graduating from Clarke would be broken. Ministerial students who had uprooted their families and moved to the campus, hopefully for four years in the MC program at Clarke, were now faced with another expensive move to another college, possibly a long distance from the church they pastor. Others were only six hours away from graduation which could have been earned in a summer session.

A burden and concern for Clarke College was nothing new to the faculty and staff members! They had remained faithful through the long struggle to satisfy accreditation requirements, the weekly planning meetings, the daily research to discover new ways of solving the problems of decreasing enrollment and decreasing financial support. Prayer vigils took place, some in staff meetings at the beginning of the day, and an all-night prayer meeting. Even a background of discouragement and struggle did not prepare for the announcement from MC that classes would not be

offered on the Clarke campus after May 15. The emotional impact was devastating, especially for those who had invested 15 or 20 years of their lives into Clarke! These dedicated people served sacrificially for many years because the pay scale was from 30% to 50% lower than positions in state-supported schools and in the business world. Suddenly those who lived on the campus, no housing - worst of all, no Clarke College!

As the Alumni Director, I had the responsibility of putting together a Final Homecoming that would have the dignity that our beloved institution deserved. It was a most difficult task to face. After three different programs were planned, a final draft was approved. Since emotions continued to run rampant, rumors reached the campus of irate alumni taking the floor during the morning program. Even though sadness was there on the day of Homecoming activities, "Thanks Be to God", everything was done decently and in order! It became a day to be treasured in ones memories.

As the summer of 1992 ended, God proved Himself faithful to the students, faculty and staff of Clarke. With the exception of a few, almost all have been re-located in other colleges, other employment and in housing. The healing process must now take priority. Much has been said and written about why Clarke College closed; only God knows the total truth and can see the total picture! We must now look to Him and Him alone, to guide Mississippi Baptists in making a decision about the future usage of Clarke. Without exception, those who love the college will say, "God is not finished with Clark yet."

ALUMNI OFFICERS AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES SEEK DIRECTION FOR CLARKE CAMPUS

No one can deny that the closing of Clarke College caused

shock waves throughout the Mississippi Baptist Convention! The shock waves were also felt in many other states in the Southern Baptist Convention and even to mission points all over the world! Since the emotional atmosphere has settle down to ripples with the passing of time, the question in everyone's mind now is "What will happen to the Clarke campus and facilities?"

On Homecoming Day, the Clarke College Alumni Officers called a meeting after the days activities, to discuss the closing of Clarke and the position that would be taken by the Alumni organization leaders. There were 27 people in attendance at this meeting. Dr. Lowery Compere, President Emeritus of Clarke presented plans to organize the Coalition for the Return and Restoration of Clarke College (CRRCC). Plans were made at the meeting to hold a Rally on the campus in June to seek support for re-opening as a Liberal Arts Junior College as soon as possible.

In the days following Homecoming the officers contacted many alumni, friends of Clarke and Convention leaders concerning the possibility of this move. A majority of the responses were negative about re-opening the college at this time. Reasons given for this reaction were: the decline of financial support, the decline of student enrollment, problems in regional accreditation, prediction of a short-fall in co-operative giving, and the debt of higher education underwritten by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The officers then began to pray for a direction that would keep the college facilities within the Convention (vs. being sold) until such time that support would be found that would utilize every facility on the campus the year round, that would minister to a large number of people of all ages, that would allow for development of the unused assets and that would continue to preserve

nine years old and Katherine, six years old. David Lee Valentine (class of 1975) graduated from the University of Mississippi Law School and is now a lawyer in Ridgeland, MS. He married Julia Crowden of Amory and they have one daughter, Laura, seven years old.

When Mrs. Valentine planned her retirement for May, 1992, she had no idea that Clarke would be retiring with her. When asked her thoughts on Clarke, she said, "Clarke has been dear to my heart for a long time and seeing it closed was a heart breaking experience. I still feel drawn to the campus and drive through it very often. My wish and prayers are that the property be retained and used for a great purpose in God's work. We need to seek God's will in the usage."

MUSIC FACULTY PRESENTS RECITAL

Ms. Nell Cook Adams, music faculty member at Clarke, presented a voice recital as a requirement for the degree of Master of Music with Vocal Pedagogy Emphasis from MC. The recital was presented in Lott Fine Arts Auditorium, Clarke Campus, on Tuesday, March 24 and also in Provine Chapel, Mississippi College on Tuesday, March 31.

She was a student of Gerald Claxton, head of Vocal Performance at MC. Her accompanist was Carol Joy Sparkman.

Ms. Adams was on Clarke's music faculty for 17 years and already holds a Bachelor of Music and a Masters of Music in Music Education from William Carey College, Hattiesburg with additional graduate work at Mississippi State University. She received the second Master's Degree in August 1992.

CLARKE ALUMNI KILLED

Two former Clarke students were killed August 6 in a two-car accident on Mississippi 44, South of Monticello. James Yarborough, interim pastor of Jayess Church in Lawrence Association and Darryl Petry,

Minister of Music and Activities of New Hebron Church were returning to their homes following revival services at Jayess Church, when their car was hit head-on by an out-of-control automobile. The driver of the second car was also killed.

Rev. Yarborough attended Clarke in 1949 and Rev. Petry attended in 1964-65. Both men graduated from Mississippi College and both served in several churches in Mississippi.

ALUMNI UPDATE

The Jolly Family is making its mark in education: **Jerry Jolly ('69)** is 4th grade teacher at a private school for African Americans in North St. Louis, IL; **Sherry Jolly Williams ('68)** is Home Economics teacher in Jerseyville, IL; **Kathy Jolly Albrecht ('70)** is 4th grade teacher at Evangelical School in Alton, IL; **Melvin Jolly ('64)** is an elementary Principal in Palestine, TX. All have two children each and all have been church music directors except Kathy.

An update on the Henson twins ('73); **Rick Henson** received a BA degree from Louisiana College in 1975 and received a Masters of divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May, 1992. is pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, LA, is married to the former Mindy Taylor and they have a daughter, Rachael. **Ralph Henson** received a BA degree from William Carey in 1975, Masters of Divinity in 1978 and PhD in 1984, both from New Orleans Seminary. He is now associate professor at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, LA where he teaches religion classes. He is married to the former Rosemary Dillingham. They reside in West Monroe with their two daughters.

Rev. Bill Martin ('77) is a pastor of Wolsey, SD; **Betty Lou Seale Gray ('59)** lives in Lexington, OR; **Linda Nail ('71)** is in Hattiesburg, MS; **Rev. Robbie Howard ('61)** and wife **Peggy Jean ('61)** created and operate Restoration Ministries for

forcibly terminated Christian workers in Coden, AL; **Gabriel Falk ('61)** is a businessman in Houston TX; **Rev. Frank Casyen ('69)** of Pontotoc, MS came by the Alumni office for a visit.

Charles Jones ('76) retired from the military, lives in Meridian and is a scout for the Toronoto Blue Jays Baseball team. He came by Clarke to look at Clark's players. **Tim Johnson ('85)** graduated from New Orleans Seminary and is now serving as Minister of Music & Youth at Eudora Baptist Church, Eudora, AR.

DR. & MRS CHARLES MELTON HONORED BY NEWTON COUNTY

Newton County Baptist Association observed Dr. & Mrs. Charles Melton Appreciation Day on Sunday, June 7, 1992 at First Baptist Church in Newton. Mrs. Melton had retired from Clarke in May, 1991. Dr. Melton retired from Clarke in December, 1991 and from Newton County Baptist Association in March, 1992. Several pastors from Newton County took part in an appreciation service in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. Rev. Don Wilson, representative of Mississippi Baptist Convention, also participated in this service. Plaques, Book of Letters and a large monetary gift was presented to the Meltons. After this service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of First Baptist.

Dr. Melton was professor of Religious Education at Clarke and Director of Missions for Newton County since June, 1962. Mrs. Melton served as campus nurse and secretary to the Newton County Baptist Association during this same period. They have two children, a daughter-Mrs. E. Randal (Susie) Varnado, who with her husband and son, C.R. live in Great Falls, Montana; and a son, Tommy (recently gone home to be with the Lord) whose wife Ellen and four sons live in Huntsville, Alabama.

and carry on the work and service of hundreds of Baptists for scores of years. Thus, the Clarke Educational Conference Center concept was born. In preparation for the support Rally that was planned earlier, 1200 letters of invitation were sent to alumni and friends. Approximately 50 people attended Rally Day on June 20. The Clarke Educational Conference Plan was presented and a majority of those who were present voted approval.

OUTLINE OF PLAN

A. Introduction

1. Clarke College was officially closed May 15.
2. To insure continued use of the campus and facilities the Clarke Alumni officers seeking a direction that will receive the approval and support of Baptist people in the state of Mississippi.
3. A venture that would minister to a large and varied number of Baptist people and Baptist churches would continue the spirit of service that Clarke had had through the years.
4. This venture or plan of usage would be organized into a proposal to be presented for adoption.
5. At Clarke Alumni Rally held in the Fine Arts Building on June 20, a majority of the Alumni present voted in favor of the two-step proposal:
 - (a) When Clarke campus and facilities are returned to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, develop a Clarke Educational Conference Center on the campus. Extension classes could be held for the training of students for Church ministry and at the same time, conferences, retreats and campus could be scheduled for maximum use of buildings and grounds.
 - (b) At a later date when support for such a move is evident, Clarke could be re-established, to be operated simultaneously with the Conference Center.

A survey of the physical plant and assets of the campus revealed the following facts:

1. Clarke campus holdings include 238 acres.
2. There are 150 acres of wooded area north of Highway 80, undeveloped and not in use.
3. There are 22 acres of small plots adjoining the campus.
4. The Administration Building has nine offices, a conference room, a bookstore, and a cafeteria seating 175-200. It was re-roofed in May 1992.
5. Lott Fine Arts Building has seven classrooms, including an Art studio, has twelve music practice rooms and offices, a break room and an auditorium seating 200.
6. The Science Building has three lecture rooms, a computer lab, a science laboratory, a photography darkroom and four offices.
7. Sanders Library has a large study area, a reading room, librarian's office, a work room, and bookroom with books and educational materials. (Note: The plan includes housing all the alumni memorabilia-pictures, annuals, scrapbooks, etc.-in the reading room and assigning this as the Alumni Center.)
8. Huddleston Hall (boy's dormitory) has a Dorm Director's Office and apartment, five guest room and 68 student rooms.
9. The girl's dormitory has a Dorm Director's office and apartment, one guest room and 56 student rooms.
10. There are four faculty houses (one brick and three frame) thirteen apartments (six duplex and one single) and five student houses.
11. There are modern recreational facilities such as Cockrell Gymnasium, a Baseball field, two tennis courts, a golf driving range and an intramural football/soccer field.

POSSIBLE USE OF FACILITY

A. Educational

1. New Orleans Seminary Associate of Divinity Degree Classes (moved from Clarke to Broadmoor Baptist Church after May 15).

2. New Orleans Seminary Graduate Classes.
3. Extension Classes from Baptist Senior Colleges.
4. Certificate classes for Bi-vocational Church Musicians, Church Secretaries, and Minister's wives.
5. Renewal courses for in-service ministers.
6. Preparatory classes for G.E.D. and other Subcollegiate students.

B. Conference-Seminars-Campus-Retreats

1. Church Training Ministry and Education.
2. Mission Opportunity Training.
3. Special Age Conferences:
 - (a) Senior Citizens
 - (b) Youth Centrifuge
 - (c) Working with children
 - (d) Bible Courses
 - (e) Christian Aerobics
 - (f) B S U Retreats
4. Music Conferences and Keyboard festivals.
5. Use of the buildings by individual churches and Associations.

C. Non-Church Related Use (charge a rental fee)

1. Service organizations.
2. Political organizations.
3. Businesses/Conferences
4. School organizations
5. Sports camps
 - (a) Baseball
 - (b) Basketball
 - (c) Tennis

D. Develop housing for retired ministers and other denominational workers on land that is not in use.

E. Provide temporary housing for missionaries on furlough and for displaced ministers and families.

Staff needs for the Clarke Educational Conference Center would be minimal; a full-time Administrator to live on the campus, a secretary-accountant Clerk, a building and grounds superintendent and possibly a fulltime dietician. Part-time staff would be enlisted as needed: cafeteria workers, housekeepers, security guards; teachers and leaders for conferences, seminars, retreats and camps; recreational supervisors and coaches.

A response form will be found on the last page of THE VOICE. Please pray and then respond by indicating your conviction. You are the key that will open doors - alumni and friends of Clarke.

REV. WALTER BALLARD
ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Greetings to all Clarke Alumni: Throughout the summer, the Area Representatives and the alumni officers have been meeting in order to draft a proposal regarding an anticipated future for our beloved institution. As we had every reason to expect, strong feelings and various ideas were shared. This too we expected. The proposal that was finally presented and adopted by the alumni present was one that would ask the Convention or Convention Board to maintain Clarke as an Educational Conference Center which envisions a continuing function of educating men and women for the work of Ministry. Although this proposal includes the hosting of conferences, retreats and other types of training and recreation for associational and church groups, this should not be perceived as an intention to establish only a glorified conference center. The educational function could be achieved through Diploma programs, Extension courses, and degree courses through accredited institutions. Space will not allow me to elaborate further, but this is the major thrust of the proposal.

At this point in time, the alumni officers and area representatives need to know whether or not you can support this proposal. It is time to unite around one proposal. We cannot afford to experience fragmentation. After all is said and done, one wiser than I has said, "United we stand; divided we fall." The Apostle Paul wrote, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (I Cor. 14:8)

In closing, I suggest that all Alumni communicate, close ranks, pray and commit everything to God!

REV. GLENN SHOWS
ALUMNI VICE PRESIDENT

WHERE DO WE STAND?

As your alumni vice-president in 1981, I witnessed the merger of Clarke College and Mississippi College. Now as the alumni vice-president again in 1992, I have experienced the closing of Clarke as a college.

We, the Alumni Officers, and a majority of those who attended a Rally held on the campus, June 20, voted that God is not finished with Clarke yet, but can have a new direction! This direction is an Educational Conference Center first, which could lead into college status again later.

We need your stand for Clarke in your church and especially in your association. We need your prayers for Clarke and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We need your support for Clarke, both verbal and financial.

I can honestly and truthfully say, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God and that I'm a part of the family of Clarke!"



WEDDING BELLS FOR PEGGY

Alumni from the last nine years at Clarke remember Mrs. Peggy Brock as the lady with the camera, who was always taking snapshots for THE VOICE, the yearbook and hometown newspapers. On July 11th the camera was turned on her as she became the bride of Glynn Catledge of Colorado Springs, CO. The wedding took place at her home church, First Baptist, Newton.

Peggy served as Public Relations Director and Receptionist at Clarke since 1983. She was also editor of THE VOICE and sponsor of the yearbook. Her new husband, Glynn, is a retired Air Force Officer and is now serving as Real Estate Director at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs.

Anyone who would like to send them best wishes may write to:

Mr. & Mrs. Glynn Catledge
5365 Flying S. Lane
Colorado Springs, CO 80915



MRS. KELTON VALENTINE
RETIRES

After twenty-five years of service at Clarke College, Mrs. Kelton Dyess Valentine became "fully" retired at the end of the school year. She has served in various job positions on the staff including Bookstore Manager, Accounts Payable and Purchasing, and Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager.

Mrs. Valentine and her husband, Herbert, came to Clarke in August 1966 from First Baptist Church, Amory where he was Minister of Youth and Education. He became Business Manager at Clarke and served in this position until December of 1980, when he had to resign because of failing health. He died May 21, 1981. She continued living in Newton and working at Clarke.

The Valentines have two children, both of them graduating at Clarke. Jackie (class of 1972) is now Mrs. Allison Moody of Fitzgerald, GA where her husband is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. They have two children, John,

nine years old and Katherine, six years old. David Lee Valentine (class of 1975) graduated from the University of Mississippi Law School and is now a lawyer in Ridgeland, MS. He married Julia Crowden of Amory and they have one daughter, Laura, seven years old.

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Minister of Music and Activities of New Hebron Church were returning to their homes following revival services at Jayess Church, when their car was hit head-on by an out-of-control automobile. The driver of the second car was also killed.

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DR. & MRS CHARLES MELTON HONORED BY NEWTON COUNTY

Newton County Baptist Association observed Dr. & Mrs. Charles Melton Appreciation Day on Sunday, June 7, 1992 at First Baptist Church in Newton. Mrs. Melton had retired from Clarke in May, 1991. Dr. Melton retired from Clarke in December, 1991 and from Newton County Baptist Association in March, 1992. Several pastors from Newton County took part in an appreciation service in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. Rev. Don Wilson, representative of Mississippi Baptist Convention, also participated in this service. Plaques, Book of Letters and a large monetary gift was presented to the Meltons. After this service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of First Baptist.

Dr. Melton was professor of Religious Education at Clarke and Director of Missions for Newton County since June, 1962. Mrs. Melton served as campus nurse and secretary to the Newton County Baptist Association during this same period. They have two children, a daughter-Mrs. E. Randale (Susie) Varnado, who with her husband and son, C.R. live in Great Falls, Montana; and a son, Tommy (recently gone home to be with the Lord) whose wife Ellen and four sons live in Huntsville, Alabama.

STATEMENT OF POSITION OF ALUMNI OFFICERS

Let it be known that the Alumni Officers and Area Representatives are not in opposition to the group of dedicated Christians who are working to re-open Clarke College within the next year. This group is the Council for the Restoration of Clarke College (CRCC) with Dr. W. L. Compere as Advisor.

Both groups have the same goals in mind: ~~that of~~ keep^{ing} the College facilities in the Mississippi Baptist Convention and using them to train leaders for Baptist work. Past history has shown how difficult it is to get verbal support and financial backing needed to operate Clarke College alone. The idea of having a multi-purpose use for the campus and some financial support coming from groups using the facilities on a short term basis made sense to the Alumni leaders; then Clarke College could emerge stronger. Both groups are earnestly seeking the will and blessing of our God who has all knowledge and all wisdom. Please help us by praying and then express your conviction by responding to the following questions. **CLIP AND SEND TO Clarke Alumni Association, P. O. BOX 493, Newton, MS 39345 as soon as possible.**

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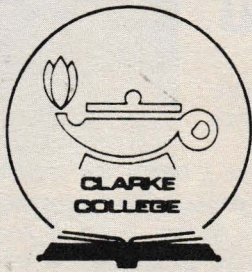
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1991-92: A Year of Struggle for Clarke College

By Jim Read, Dean

This 1991-92 academic year has been a difficult one for Clarke College. Fall 1991 enrollment was down to 130 students from the 165 students the Clarke programs enrolled in the fall of 1990. Two full-time faculty members left during the summer of 1991 and their positions were not filled. The essential courses they had taught were covered with adjunct faculty for the 1991-92 academic year. Most of these losses of students and faculty were related to Clarke College's loss of regional accreditation in April, 1991. This loss of regional accreditation, however, even more directly affected Clarke College in the loss of federal student financial aid, which was a major financial blow, and in the loss of what was nearly automatic acceptance of Clarke transfer credits by other institutions of higher learning, which was also tied to regional accreditation.

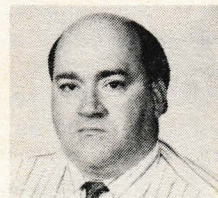
How has Clarke College survived this academic year? It has survived due to the loyalty of its alumni and friends, who continued to support it financially, its students who continued to attend despite the limited number of colleges that bilaterally agreed to continue to accept Clarke College credits despite the loss of accreditation and its faculty, staff, and administration who continue to work during the 1991-92 academic year despite the fact they had no budget and no contracts. This loyalty was based on the widespread belief we share that God created Clarke College for a purpose, that this purpose still exists, and that Clarke College is still being true to that God-given purpose.

What does the future hold for Clarke College, and is the answer to that question

in the hands of a judge? Yes, the answer to that question is in the hands of a judge, but that Judge is the one who is the Judge of all men and women and of the institutions they create, whether they be colleges or courts. We need to pray fervently, that God's will for Clarke College might be done, avoiding letting our own personal will overrule God's will in that for which we pray, and we need to be willing to commit ourselves in more ways than just our words to seeing that Clarke College does survive this present crisis. Would God expect anything but our best for His College?

Admissions

by
Wayne Miley
Director



The Ambassadors Club of Clarke College held its first spring semester banquet on February 6 at Quincy's Steak House in Meridian. New members, Mark Carr and Tom and Melanie Fanguy, were inducted. It was the first meeting this school year with perfect attendance. The list of other members includes Janell Ward, Joe Fontenot, Chip Stutzman, Jody Kyzar, Rusty Minton, Stan Garrett, and Chris and Madge Atkinson. Membership in the club must be earned by recruiting at least one new student per academic year. Our application for admission provides a place to designate a person or other source of influence responsible for leading the student to Clarke College. These responses are used to form the membership of the Ambassador Club for the year. We really haven't demanded a lot of additional activity from our members. This year's activity has been geared toward rewarding them for the work they have already done. Thanks goes out to each one of these students for bringing other students our way.

Clarke College Homecoming and Preview Day Saturday, April 11, 1992 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Theme:

Clarke College—A Mission to Perform
"He which hath begun a good work in you,
will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ."
— Phil. 1:6 KJV

Special Recognition

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Melton for 30 years
of service to Clarke College.
*Reservations for Luncheon required
by April 1*

Events of the Day

- * Registration — beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Fine Arts Entrance
- * Informal Reception for Special Interest Groups — 9:30 to 10:30
 1. Music—meet in the Choir Room,
 2. Religion—meet in the Lecture Room of Science Building
 3. Education—meet in Fine Arts Building
 4. Sports—meet in the Library
 5. BSU—meet in the BSU Center
 6. High School Students for Preview Day —meet in the Administration Building
- * Program in Fine Arts Auditorium
- * Luncheon in the College Cafeteria
- * Baseball Game:
Clarke Panthers vs. Delgado Com. College





MC at CLARKE News

By Dr. John Dent

Since its inception in 1982, the Mississippi College at Clarke Program has allowed students who major in religion to complete their junior and senior years on the Clarke campus and earn their B.A. degree from Mississippi College. Although a completely separate operation from Clarke College, this program uses the faculty and facilities of Clarke. This program is especially helpful for those students who are married and who do not wish to move twice during their college career.

The students enrolled in this program meet all the requirements for a major in religion that students on the Clinton campus meet. Through coordination with the Religion Department at Mississippi College, these students receive a valuable education at the Clarke extension center.

Student enrollment for the 1991 Fall Semester in the MC at Clarke Program was 27. There were two students who completed their coursework for the B.A. degree in December. These students (John Miller and Mike Miller) will graduate in May. Despite the loss of enrollment of these two students, the Spring, 1992 Semester enrollment for the MC at Clarke Program is 24. Six new students began their course work in January. Other students plan to complete their coursework this semester for graduation in May.

The MC at Clarke Program provides student leadership in many different areas on the campus at Clarke. Most of the students participate in the Baptist Student Union and the Ministerial Association. Many of the MC at Clarke students take leadership roles in these and other various campus organizations.

Campus life is greatly enhanced by the maturity and experience of these students. The positive attitude and Christian witness they provide aids the Clarke College campus in becoming more of what God would have it to be.

The two faculty members who teach most in the MC at Clarke Program are Dr. Eddie L. Ruddick and Dr. John E. Dent, Jr. Dr. Ruddick serves as the Chairman of the Department of Religion at Clarke College; his duties primarily involve teaching in the area of Old Testament. Dr. Dent serves at the coordinator of the MC at Clarke Program; his duties primarily involve teaching in the area of New Testament and Greek. Both of these men are dedicated to God and are active in serving local churches as interim pastors, supply preachers, and Bible study leaders. Additionally, many of the Clarke

College, faculty (full-time, part-time, and adjunct) teach courses with students who are enrolled in the MC at Clarke Program. During the Spring 1992 semester, Dr. Frank Harmon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton, and Rev. Paul Strahan, Minister of Education and Outreach, FBC, Newton, each teach a course for MC at Clarke Students.

Since 1981 the MC at Clarke Program has been accredited through Mississippi College. Every ten years the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (S.A.C.S.) sends a team of representatives (taken from faculty/staff at its member schools) to visit each school and to recommend reaccreditation, suspension, or probation. To aid the visiting team in examination of all aspects of the school, each school studies itself and prepares a document appropriately entitled a self-study. This was begun last spring and completed during the Fall 1991 semester. The MC at Clarke Program section of the Mississippi College Self-Study was written by Dr. Becky Lynchard, Assistant Professor of Education, MC, (Chmn), Dr. Prentiss Cox, Chairman of the Department of Biology, MC (and a former Clarke professor), and Dr. John E. Dent, Jr., Coordinator of the MC at Clarke Program. The S.A.C.S. team will visit the Mississippi College campus during the first week in April and probably send a member or two to visit the Clarke Campus during that week.

The Spring, 1992 semester is an exciting time at Clarke College. One of the reasons for this excitement is the existence of the MC at Clarke Program. Students enrolled in this program and faculty who teach in this program make a valuable contribution to the work of God's Kingdom through their participation.

If you know of students who would be interested in the MC at Clarke Program, please call Dr. John E. Dent, Jr. at (601) 683-3941 or write to him in care of Clarke College, Post Office Box 440, Newton Ms 39345. Please continue to pray for faculty and students involved in this program that they might continue to be of service in God's Kingdom.

Voice of BSU

This year BSU at Clarke has had its ups and downs. Now, normally one would give equal time reporting on the ups and downs, but if you will forgive me, noble, right, pure, lovely, praiseworthy and admirable things.

Too many times we concentrate on the things we can only see from our perspective and not often enough do we view things from God's perspective. For example, I was involved in a worship service in which there was this male student I had been desperately trying to lead to the Lord. From my perspective, it seemed that all our sharing

TO OUR ALUMNI

By
Dr. Eddie Ruddick



How often have I heard the complaint, we do not have enough Bible courses! Let me challenge the Alumni. Send us enough ministerial students so we can employ a full time faculty member to replace Dr. Charles Melton, who has retired due to his health and illness in his immediate family. We are offering eleven Bible related studies each semester now; we could offer fifteen/sixteen, if our class enrollments were larger.

We are already teaching enough Biblical related courses that any of the alumni could return to Clarke and profit from the auditing of a few courses each day for a week or two. Come back and experience again the dealing with a text that ends up dealing with you! Dr. John Dent is teaching two courses in Greek, two in New Testament Survey, and a Teachings of Jesus; Dr. Frank Harmon is teaching the Life of Paul. I am teaching Psalms, Romans, John, and two Old Testament Surveys.

Notice when the next Preview days are scheduled (elsewhere in this newsletter) and plan to bring a car load of high school students. We need to have one hundred new 1992-93 students by the end of April. Some have already applied; bring us some more!

had boiled down to nothing, but there was still hope that he would yield to the Spirit at the invitation time. Well, the pastor had a different view. "There will be no walking the aisles tonight," he said. He instructed us all, if there was anyone who wanted to make a commitment to the Lord tonight, he wanted them to just stand up. Slowly, one, then two more, stood up until there were approximately 20 students standing. I looked around for him (my student friend) and while all these others stood, overtaken by their emotions and weeping at the climax of the message, he sat, perfectly still, stone-faced. I was distraught "why had he not responded?" I shouted inside. "Why?"

Later I went out of the building to console myself and I watched as group after group of people were excitedly sharing their new found joy with one another. I was confused and asked God, "Why, Lord? Why should I be pulled through this emotional roller coaster, while seemingly, ahead of me the tracks were being taken away?" My answer came in a very unexpected way. I turned at the sound of my name being called and there he was. The stone-faced silent boy was standing there and the look on his face

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Library

Joyce Zeigler
Librarian

The Sanders Memorial Library has received several memorials and gifts this year. L. D. Simmons and Rose Everett donated books from their extensive libraries. Jerry Ellis donated a 21 volume set of Charles Dicken's works. Dr. Ruddick, Dr. Dent and Wayne Miley, all of Clarke College, gave books for the collection. Pam Francher of Joshua Books in Birmingham visited the library and presented the staff some new books.

Dr. Ruddick and Dr. Dent placed the **Geneva Bible** in the memory of Mrs. Kathryn Melton, Dr. Melton's mother. The staff and faculty placed the book **And the Angels Sing** in memory of Mrs. Joy Adams, Clarke Adam's mother. Sarah Fox and Jerry Ellis gave memorial gifts of money to purchase books for the library collection.

Memorial gifts and books are always welcomed and visitors on Clarke campus are always invited to stop by the library and visit.

(Voice of BSU cont. from page 2)

really stumped me. He was grinning from ear to ear. Before I could think or say anything, he said, "I made the decision to follow the Lord." I said, "But you never stood at the invitation time." To this he replied, "I was very sure that I wanted to follow no one but Jesus, so instead of standing, I remained seated." For some reason, he wasn't sure it being prompted by someone else's standing would have made it genuine for him, so he made the decision and stood up for Jesus in his heart.

"Be still and know that I am God" has taken on a new meaning for me and convinced me that sometimes we look at the good and bad from our own perspective. The wrong perspective. Having said all of that, I will say this, ... God is still at work on this campus and in the lives of those in BSU. We need God's perspective and our students are having the opportunity to work through a life course entitled **Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing The Will of God**.

Up-coming events? We are anxiously awaiting our Spiritual Enrichment Week in March, after spring break and also Leadership Training Conference at Gulfshore Assembly the last of March.

Please keep us in your prayers and let us know if we can be of service to you.

In His love, Lawrence

Piano Prep

Marian Thornton, Director
Jeff Hardy, Assistant

"It's Junior Festival time!"

This announcement to the piano students of Marian Thornton and Jeff Hardy brings mixed emotions: excitement, anticipation, and sometimes fear, if daily practice has not been going well.

Each spring, the Clarke College Piano Prep students participate in a District Junior Music festival sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs. Every phase of music study and performance is adjudicated in these festivals. The Clarke prep students have made an outstanding record in the piano solo division during the seven years since the prep piano program has been organized. Approximately 98% of the students receive Superior ratings in solo performance, 5 to 7 receive gold cups for having achieved 15 points in ratings and 4 to 6 students plan in the Honors Recital on Junior Day at Mississippi College. Top honors go to Kimberly Pace and Brooke Douglas who have won 6 consecutive Superior ratings on piano solos.

History Department

Linda Alexander
Instructor



According to Linda Alexander, history instructor, the Mississippi History classes are planning an exciting trip this semester to historic Vicksburg. Students will be studying the Civil War during this course and Ms. Alexander feels that the trip to Vicksburg will not only be educationally beneficial, but will also allow students to get the "feel" of the Antebellum period in Mississippi. Students will visit the park, Cairo Museum, Vicksburg Museum, and if possible one of the Antebellum homes in Vicksburg.

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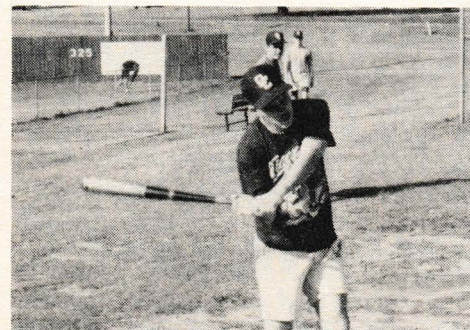


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Athletic Department

Bryan Burt, Athletic Director

Baseball Coach

Jerry Salley, Basketball Coach

Joy Munn, Intramurals

The Clarke College Panthers baseball team began a 41 game spring schedule February 18, 1992. The Panthers will again battle for the Miss-Lou Conference title against the likes of Meridian, Delgado and Bossier Parish. Clarke finished last year with a 13-28 record and a 3rd place finish in the conference. Coach Bryan Burt will be looking to returning sophomores Mark Carr, Joe Fontenot, Paul Hand, Stacy Jones, Jody Kyzar, and Chip Stutzman for leadership on the 1992 team. The team began practice in January with 19 members.

"If some of our freshmen can come through and our sophomores will stay consistent, we will be very competitive, but those are big keys for our success." Coach Burt Stated.

Coach Salley reports that CC began the season with an excellent ball club. We are now 10-14 and are tied for third place in the conference. Our conference record is 5-5. He feels this has been a good season, since there have been a number of setbacks. We are one of the three teams who have beaten East Central Community College who is ranked among the top 20 in the nation.

"We have already begun to recruit for '92-'93 for both men's and women's teams. Having more time to recruit this year, we hope to have an even stronger team.

Intramurals brought some excitement to the campus last semester with a ping-pong tourney, golf tourney and a punt-pass and kick competition. This semester will hold the same excitement with an 8-ball tourney, a hot-shot competition, a tennis tourney and if time permits, another golf tourney. We are also making tentative plans for a possible softball tourney.



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CLARKE PROPERTY REPORT

At the time of this printing, the Clarke Property Committee still had not reached a decision as to the disposal of the college grounds. The grounds are being cared for at present, and the housing is full of renters. Alumni hearts are torn in many directions over the possible outcomes. The Committee has several options under consideration. However, their recommendations probably will have been announced by the time of this mailing. A full report should be given by the committee to the convention, so watch the Baptist Record for a full report after the convention.

1994-95 ALUMNI OFFICERS

Juanita West	President
Class of '66	
Paul Lee	Vice President
Class of '67	
Evelyn Williams	Treasurer
Class of '66	
Marion Thornton	Secretary
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Class of '51	

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The Voice

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ALUMNI UPDATE

At the May meeting, the Alumni Association voted to run the calendar year from May to May so that any Alumni business will be transacted at the Alumni Homecoming in the Spring, instead of at the fellowship breakfast during the convention. The Association feels that more Alumni would have a greater opportunity to attend the May meeting; therefore, Alumni officers will hold office from May to May.

Since the Association is now totally self-sufficient, it is vital that all Alumni who would like to keep the Association working pay dues for membership into the Alumni Association.

Present, all Alumni material is stored in an office on the Clarke Campus. Alumni officers store related office materials, etc. in their homes or car trunks. For this reason, the Alumni officers hope to maintain a house in Newton -- preferably on the college grounds -- in which to store alumni information, historical memorabilia, and missionary updates. This will allow the association to have some center of focus for alumni activities.

Alumni dues are \$10.00 per person. Mail to:

Clarke College Alumni Association,
P. O. Box 493, Newton, MS 39345.



ALUMNI BREAKFAST

The Alumni Association, this year with the assistance of Mississippi College, will host the complimentary Alumni Fellowship Breakfast during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. All alumni and friends are encouraged to attend the fellowship hour on Wednesday morning. We will have great fellowship, a period of inspiration, and some devotional thoughts. Hope to see you.

Annual Fellowship

Breakfast

Mississippi Baptist

Convention

Wednesday,

November 2, 1994

7:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall -

East

First Baptist Church

Jackson

Former President Remembered By J. B. Costilow

I met Dr. William Earl Green in April of 1949. Bro. Butler Smith, at that time pastor of Hardy Baptist Church near Grenada, brought me to Clarke College when I told him I had been called to preach soon after my conversion.

Dr. Green had become President of Clarke College in 1944. He began reaching out to ministerial students all over the state and around the world. If a person had been called to preach, Dr. Green seemed to find it out and let that person know that Clarke College was the place to be. Preacher-boys came out of the fields, the woods, and the cities in "droves" at his request. He was an outgoing person in every way. He even noticed my "loud" tie on my first arrival on the campus.

Money made no difference to Dr. Green. If a student had the money, he was welcome at Clarke. If he didn't have the money, he was still welcomed. Dr. Green seemed to know how students could make it with or without the money. At that time, the G.I.'s had it made after World War II. Some of us "fare folks" had to work for fifty cents an hour. Yet all of us felt that we were special to him and all of the faculty and staff.

During those days there was always a turmoil. Dr. Green seemed to know when things got too quiet. The next thing we students knew, we were in the midst of a campus wide "get saved" revival. Since I was saved, I helped receive those who kept coming - some more than once; but it was real. During one such revival, Bro. Morris very ably tried to calm the situation. Dr. Green didn't want it too calm, so he proceeded to "liven" it up and to keep it going awhile longer! That experience helped prepare me for 34 years of Baptist Student Union work with emotional movements all along the way.

Dr. William Earl Green was an orator, a motivator, a people-centered person, a Bible College President who would not give up. He died without ever giving up on Clarke College! I believe that he is still working for the Lord and that he is still showing Him why Clarke College should be "his" (Dr. Green's) school today.

Homecoming High! By Marion Thornton Alumni Coordinator

"Home is where the heart is!" someone

has said. This person knew that love, understanding, and direction in life comes from a happy environment.

Clarke College was a "home away from home" for hundreds of young students who needed instruction and

guidance at this time in their lives. It was also a haven for older students who heard the call of God toward church-related vocations and who needed training in this area. For them, Clarke was a place where they were accepted and encouraged in all of the changes they had to make.

Saturday, May 14, 1994 was a "time of remembering" for about 175 Clarke Alumni who gathered on the campus for the first Homecoming event since the closure of the college. The day began with greetings, hugs, laughter, "remember when's" and even tears as alumni registered and had refreshments. Alumni from as close as Newton and as far away as New York gathered to renew the Clarke spirit with fellow alumni and staff.

Alumni gathered in the Fine Arts Auditorium for the program and the business meeting. Merrill Cassel, class of 1983 led the group in singspiration and in special music. Paul Lee, class of 1967 and vice-president of the Alumni Association, presided over the program and introduced the speaker. Benny Still, class of 1972 led in prayer. Dr. Cliff Estes, a former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Newton, delivered the challenge to the alumni. At the close of the program, Rickey McKay, class of 1971 and President of the Alumni Association, presided over the business session. Evelyn Carpenter Williams, class of 1966 and treasurer of the Alumni Association, presented the minutes and the treasurer's report. McKay recognized past presidents of Clarke, faculty and staff, convention personnel, classes by 10-year groups, and the oldest alumni present. The alumni heard plans for the establishment of a Hall of Fame and voted on a committee to set up



guidelines which will be voted on at the 1995 Homecoming. Glenn Shows, past president from the class of 1970, led in a memorial service and Rev. J. B. Costilow, class of 1951 and former BSU Director, closed the session with a prayer of remembrance.

After the Alumni Association concluded its business, the Clarke Christian Education Corporation presented its proposal to acquire the campus for a multipurpose Christian education facility. A majority vote of the alumni attending was received for the proposal.



We Want Your News

Please keep the Alumni Officers informed about any of your important events, positions, honors, children, moves, etc. so that the information can be shared with others through The Voice. Send any updates or any other interesting material which you may wish to share in The Voice. Also, if you know of any alumni who are not on the mailing list, please send in their updated mailing addresses. Send any information or inquiries to

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The Top 10 Reasons for Continuing The Clarke College Alumni Association

10. To have another organization to which to belong
09. To increase your Christmas card list
08. To use as an affiliate on the next job resume
07. To have a free breakfast at the Mississippi Baptist Convention
06. To keep alive the good ole days
05. To maintain a contact with friends and acquaintances
04. To reminisce about chapel, Dr. Carter, curfews, the Clarke spirit
03. To recall the strong missionary emphases
02. To say to your children and grandchildren "this is my heritage"
01. To remember an important period in your life

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The Blessing of Clarke College

By Marian Thornton

Have you ever had something unexpected to happen which brought on a flood-gate of memories? This happened to me recently, when by accident I discovered an epic poem written and copyrighted by Dr. Edwin McNeely in 1942 while he was a music professor at Southwestern Seminary. On the acknowledgment page, Dr. Mac stated that the verse was written upon invitation of professor I.E. Reynolds for his work "Music in the Bible." Dr. McNeely was the husband of Addie Wilson McNeely of the Clarke music faculty and step-father to her son, Bob Heritage ('66).

This treasure was found in the choral room at East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi, where I am employed and where Dr. Bob Heritage was once employed as choral director. After so many years, these copies of Mr. Mac's poem are still in good condition and powerful in memories for me.

As a result of this discovery, I contacted Mrs. Ernestine McGaugh Burns (Mother Mac) and learned that Mrs. McNeely is in a nursing home in Anderson, South Carolina, near Anderson College where Dr. Bob Heritage teaches in the music department. I called Mrs. McNeely and we talked and reminisced about the wonderful days at Clarke College when we were on the music faculty! That night, I attended a revival service where Ronnie Cottingham ('72) was leading the music. These recent experiences have made me realize what a legacy Clarke College has left to all who had the privilege of attending as a student, or who

were employed on the faculty and staff.

A legacy is a legal term which means a gift by will or something received from an ancestor or predecessor. A blessing is the act of one that blesses, that gives approval and encouragement, that brings pleasure. The blessing and legacy that Clarke College has left to us is the love and kinship that we feel for each other! The relationships that we experienced with so many great Christians probably outweighed any formal training that the faculty could give, even though the faculty was tops! Our Clarke family extends all over the world, in every walk of life. Even though the physical Clarke that we once knew seems to be gone, the spiritual Clarke will last forever, and what a reunion we will have in heaven!

As the last official Alumni Director, I add my blessing to this great family and ask that we pray for each other and keep in touch until the Lord comes! Attend the Convention on the last of October and pray for the property of the college to be used for God's purposes only.

Clarke Property Update

Several interested inquires have been made about the property but no firm offers. The Clarke Property Committee will consider the proposal to parcel out the property. Look for this item on the agenda of the convention business on November 1.

Reunion Review

The annual meeting of the CC Alumni Association was held on the Clarke College Campus on May 13, 1995. The morning began with registration and continental breakfast followed by class/group reunions. After the opportunity to visit with friends and acquaintances, the alumni moved into the auditorium building for an hour of inspiration. The halls of the former Lott Fine Arts Building filled with the sounds of music as Charlie Case ('93) led in singspiration and the special music. Bryan Burt ('74) lifted hearts with his testimony of what Clarke College has done for his life and the lives of his family. Rev. Gordon Sansing, class of 1936, challenged our hearts in words of scripture and reflection. After the morning session, alumni gathered with friends to reminisce over lunch in one of the several eating establishments now in Newton. After lunch, the Alumni Association business meeting convened in the auditorium.

During the business meeting, the alumni present voted to change the time of the 1996 homecoming to the first Saturday in August. This will be a trial time to see if the date would be more convenient for alumni. The alumni body also passed the guidelines for the Clarke College Hall of Fame to begin in 1996. (See details on page 4.)

It was announced that Clarke Bible Institute will begin classes at Northcrest Baptist Church in Meridian in January.

On a motion by Bennie Still ('72) a majority of the members present voted to disengage the Alumni Association from any connection with Mississippi College. The newsletters, the publicity, the refreshments, etc., normally handled by MC for any Clarke Alumni meetings, will now be totally funded by the Alumni Association. Therefore, your help as a financial supporter and as a volunteer worker will be vital.

Alumni Dues

If you have not made your support to the association for '95-'96, please do that now. (Your membership runs from Homecoming date to Homecoming date.) **Dues: \$10 Per Year**

ALUMNI UPDATES

1938: Victor and Martha (Dorroh) Parker celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in July 1994. They have spent their careers in elementary education in Maryland.

1939: Harry L. Hannah retired in April of 1994 after spending the last 35 years of his ministry in Washington state.

1948: Mrs. Delores Goodman Martin (Kenner LA) reported that her husband Dellia A. (Jack) Martin died in April 1993. Her daughter, Redonda (Mrs. Lowell S. Broom, class of '68) lives in Birmingham AL, and her daughter Regina and husband John Wayne Carter ('69) live in Manassas VA.

1949: Rev. Russell Cottingham retired in 1994 as associate director of missions for Jones County Baptist Association. He and his wife Rebecca continue to make their home in Ellisville MS.

1950: James T. Dunnam retired from the pastorate in October of 1994, having served most of his ministry in Florida.

1952: O.H. Brooks also retired from the ministry in October of '94 after having served 21 years with the First Baptist Church in St. Francis AR.

1953: Tom Cox was elected president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists during the annual convention in June.

1953: Dr. Paul Wilson has retired from the active pastorate. He and his wife are living in Tupelo MS.

1956: Woodrow Stephens, in his young 81 years, is still active in supply work and music work in churches and civic clubs in Alabama. He holds weekly services and counsels with boys at the Childersbury Work Center and "Boot Camp."

1958: Kenneth Jones and his wife were honored

FINANCIAL FACTS

(CC Alumni Association)

Balance on Hand (05/13/95)	\$1,875.42
Expenditures:	
Dr. Gordon Sansing (honorarium)	\$50.00
Glenn Shows (CC mugs)	\$200.00
David Ethridge (tune piano)	\$68.00
Marian Thornton (food)	\$41.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$359.28
Balance	\$1,516.14
Deposit (from May meeting)	+\$430.00
Balance on Hand (09/01/95)	\$1,946.14

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this past summer on their 25th anniversary at Ephesus Baptist Church in Scott County. Jones has actually been at Ephesus for a total of 30 years, having served there in his first pastorate (1955-60).

1963: Jim Meadows and his wife, Linda, were honored in July by Long Creek Church in recognition of his 30th year as pastor.

1963: Gloria Jeannette (Hill) Williamson moved in 1994 to Daphne AL after the death of her husband, Freeman. She has three daughters and one granddaughter. She would love to hear from Clarke alumni in Mobile and Baldwin counties.

1964: Pat (Williams) Kuby was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Early Childhood Education and Development by the University of Alabama at Birmingham June 5. Dr. Kuby is an assistant professor at Athens State College.

1966: Dr. Woodrow Burt is the new President of Hannibal-Lagrange College. Dr. Burt replaces **Dr. Paul Brown**, former CC art instructor, who retired and is now an interim pastor.

1966: Shirley Lynch Smith writes to say she loves keeping up with classmates through The Voice.

1970: Glenn Shows was appointed in April as consultant in the MBCB Discipleship and Family Ministry Department. He was previously minister of family life at Woodland Hills Baptist Church.

1970: Hal Bates has begun a new ministry as pastor of Collinsville Baptist Church in Collinsville MS.

1973: Rev. Lonnie Baxter is pastoring Bucatunna Baptist Church in Clarke County MS.

1973: Dr. Charles Boudreaux and Netta (Richardson) Boudreaux ('74) have returned from the foreign mission field. He is serving as a counselor on staff of FBC Jackson and she is on the nursing staff at Baptist Hospital.

1973: Rev. Shannon Burns is serving as pastor in Covington LA. He has served this church in other capacities, including school administrator.

1973: Dr. Robert (Rocky) Crocker has sold his medical practice in Brandon in order to devote more time to his work in the former Soviet Union. His wife, **Belva (Booker) Crocker ('73)**, recently began a new career as a professional counselor.

1973: Rev. Jimmy Knight and his wife, Alane, spent several weeks ministering in the Philippines

In Memory . . .

Rev. Sammy Chisolm, class of 1973.

Rev. Aubrey Jones, class of 1965.

Rev. John Paul Jones, class of 1953.

Rev. Billy R. Greene, class of 1948.

Rev. Rudolph E. Paine, founding pastor of Southside Church and Christian School, Vicksburg.

Dr. Charlotte Worley, English instructor.

this summer. He is a vocational evangelist, serving in preaching, music and mission work.

1977: Bill Martin and his wife, Pat, are in their sixth year of work in South Dakota. He pastors a small Baptist church and serves as vice president of the Dakota Southern Baptist Fellowship.

1980: Burton A. Schmitz and his wife, Suzanne, have recently been appointed as missionaries to Togo. Since 1993, Schmitz has served as associate pastor of family ministries at First Church in Sonoma, California.

1988: Tom and Tammy Fox are new missionary appointees to Moldova. Since 1990, Fox has served as pastor of Bethlehem Church in Morton MS.

1990: Curtis Price was recently ordained by Terry Road Church in Jackson. He is presently serving as pastor of Poplar Church in Newton County and attending school at William Carey College.

Faculty and Staff:

Gary Garner, former academic dean, resides in Hattiesburg MS and is a financial advisor for American Express Financial Corporation.

J. Clifford Watson, also a former academic dean, has become a video star. Mississippi folks can look for him on the "Vessels" video produced by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He is featured in the senior adult conferences at Gulfshore.

Ted and Paulette Wilson live in Hopkinsville KY where Ted teaches at the community college and Paulette teaches in the public schools. Paulette has just finished her Master's degree.

Nominations open for Clarke College Hall of Fame

Two years ago the Alumni Association voted to establish a Hall of Fame. This past year, the guidelines and procedures were adopted by the association. The Hall of Fame Committee now solicits your nominations for candidates. Anyone may make a nomination to the selection committee. Each nomination must include the following:

CATEGORIES: Church-related Clarke graduate; Other Clarke graduates; Faculty/staff members. (One inductee to be selected from each category.)

CRITERIA: Demonstration of Christ-like character; Contribution to the kingdom of God, to community life, and to family life; Representative of the Clarke spirit.

REFERENCES: The nominator must solicit the following letters of reference for the person being

nominated: two (2) from Clarke College faculty; two (2) from Clarke College graduates; two (2) from ministerial staff or deacons of the church(es); two (2) from personal friends of the nominee. The letters are not to exceed 250 words. Reference letters are to be collected by the nominator and mailed with the nomination form to:

Glenn Shows
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All nominations must be submitted 90 days before Homecoming. The deadline this year is May 1, 1996. Nomination forms can be secured by writing to:

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There are so many in the Clarke College family that would be ideal for this honor, but the committee needs your help. Make your nominations for the Clarke College Hall of Fame!

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